DJERBA CHESS FESTIVAL
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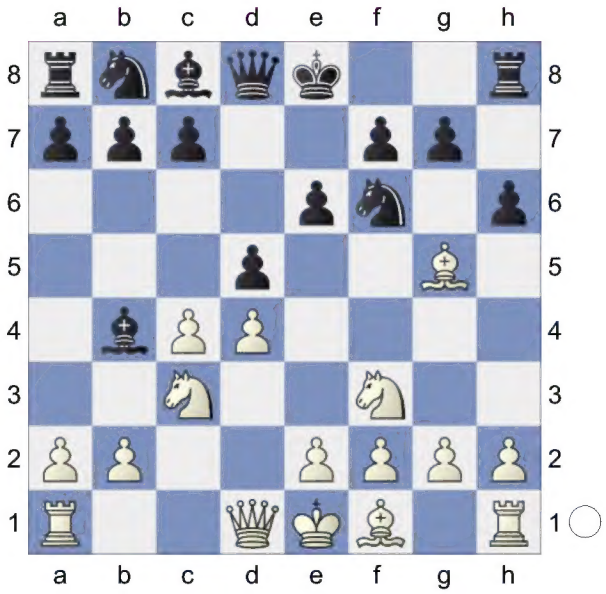
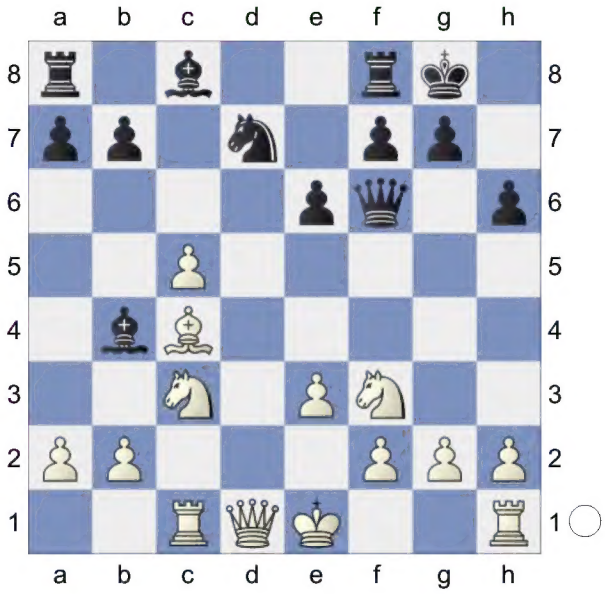
Chess Notes 2025

1 **D38**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
■ **Navara,David** **2677**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

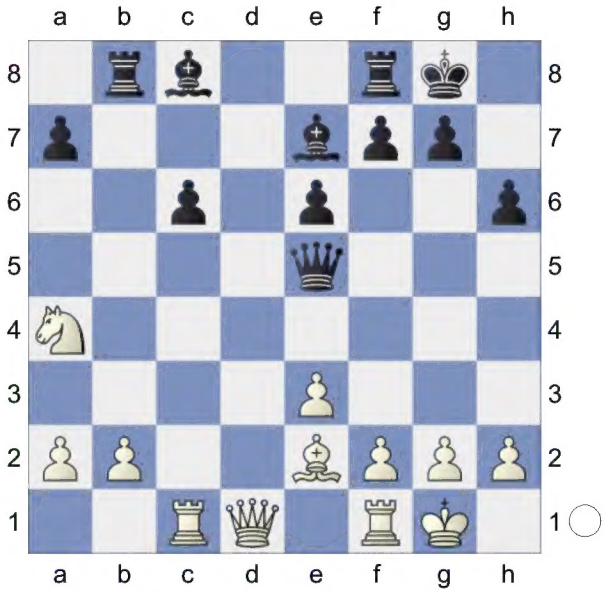
Slow 90min+30sec
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) RR: 'Inf 77/(412)' **1.d4** 4 **Nf6** 7 **2.c4** 4 **e6** 7 **3.Nf3** 3 **d5** 5 **4.Nc3** 3 **Bb4** 6 **5.Bg5** 25 **h6** 9



6.Bxf6 4 **Qxf6** 8 **7.e3** 9 **0-0** 13 **8.Rc1** 4 **dxc4** 44 **9.Bxc4** 6 **c5** 18 **10.dxc5N** 6
[10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4 *(11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 Ba5 13.Nxd4 Bd7 14.Qh5 Bb6 15.Rfd1 Rd8 16.Nd6 Be8 17.Nxe8 Rxe8 18.Bb5 Rd8 19.Qf3 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 Na6 21.Rcd1 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Rc8 23.g3 Nb8 24.h4 a6 25.Bf1 Nc6* ½-½ Mamedyarov,S (2747)-Wojtaszek,R (2727) China Elite Mind Basque Huaian rapid 2016 (3.5)) 11...Bd7 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Bxc3 14.Rxc3 Bxc6 15.Bb5 Bd5 6.Bxf6 with 7.e3 Variation 4 Short & Sweet: The Ragozin]
[10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Nc6 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Qb3 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Be8 16.a4 Qe7 17.Qa2 Rc7 18.Nd2 a6 19.Be2 cxd4 20.exd4 Rdc8 21.Nc4 Qg5 22.Qd2 ½-½ Ftacnik,L (2589)-Kacheishvili,G (2577) Batumi 77/(412) 1999]
10...Nd7 35

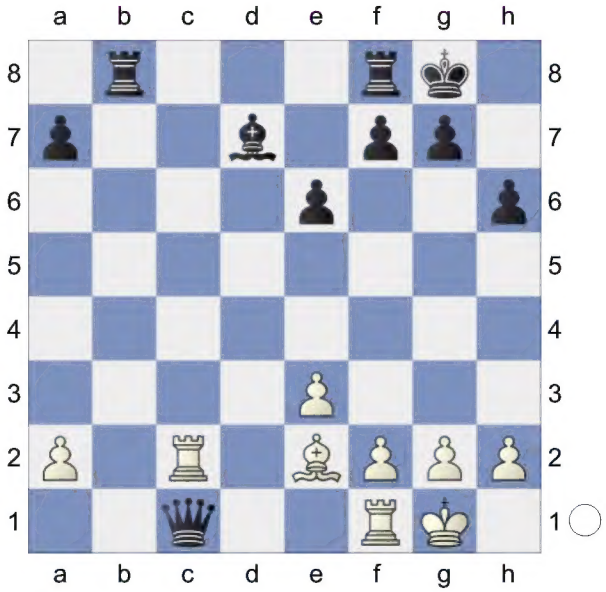


11.c6 53 **bxc6** 28 The position is equal.
12.0-0 4 **Ne5** 7:53 **13.Be2** 12 **Rb8** 8:49 **14.Nxe5** 23:55 **Qxe5** 40 **15.Na4** 9 **Be7** 5:54
[15...Bd6!? 16.g3□ c5=]

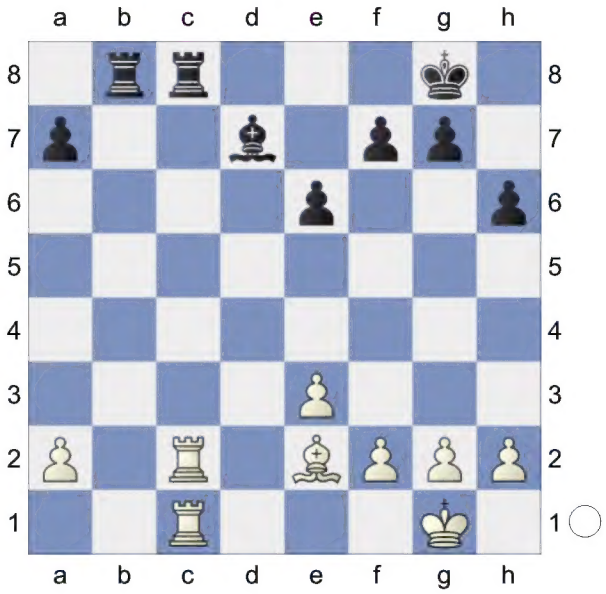


16.Rc2 14:35 **c5** 8:09 **17.Qc1** 1:27 **Bd7**

1:42 **18.Nxc5** 6:56 **Bxc5** 22 **19.Rxc5** 3 **Qxb2** 13 **20.Rc2** 4 **Qxc1** 11:26

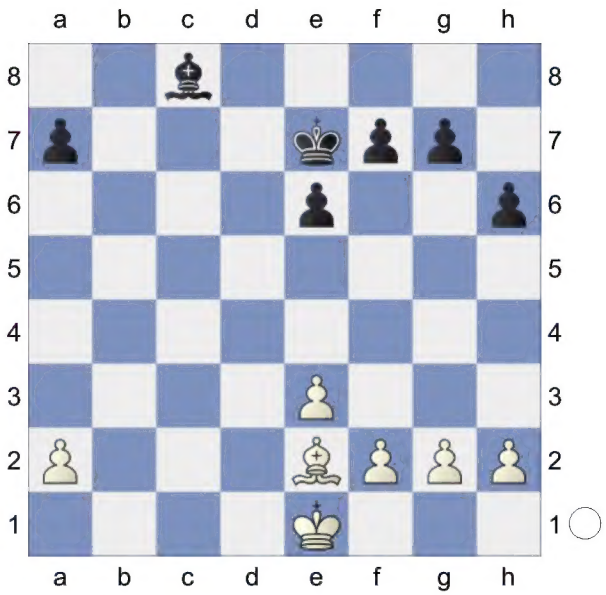


21.Rfxc1 9 **Rfc8** 9

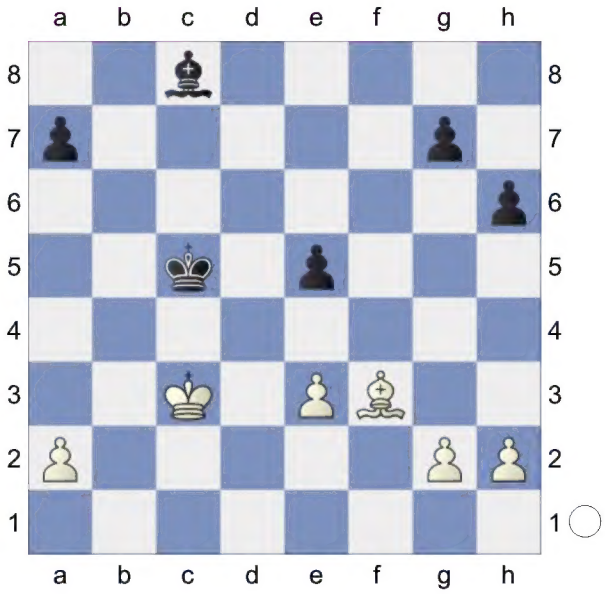


Strongly threatening ...Rxc2. **22.Rxc8+** 9:46 **Rxc8** 25 **23.Rxc8+** 8 **Bxc8=** 1:19 Endgame. KB-KB **24.Kf1** 7 **Kf8** 11 **25.Ke1** 2 **Ke7** 5

(Diagram)



26.Kd2 4 **Kd6** 4 **27.Kc3** 3 **Kc5** 5 **28.f4** 7 **f6** 3 **29.Bf3** 11 **e5** 11 **30.fxe5** 2 **fxe5** 9:29

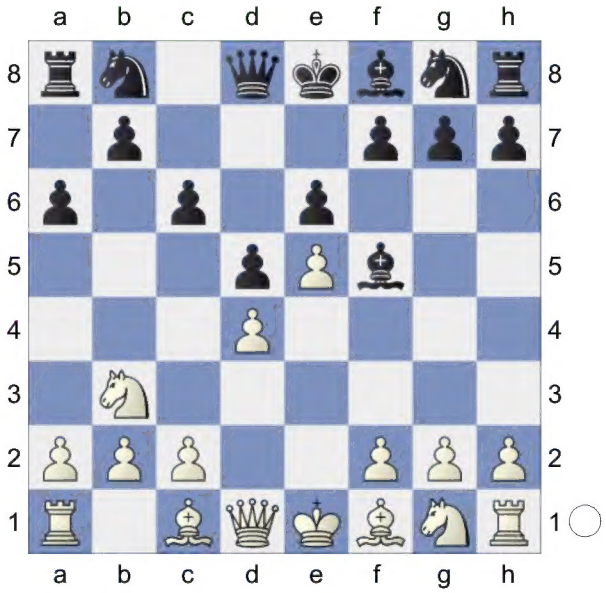


A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

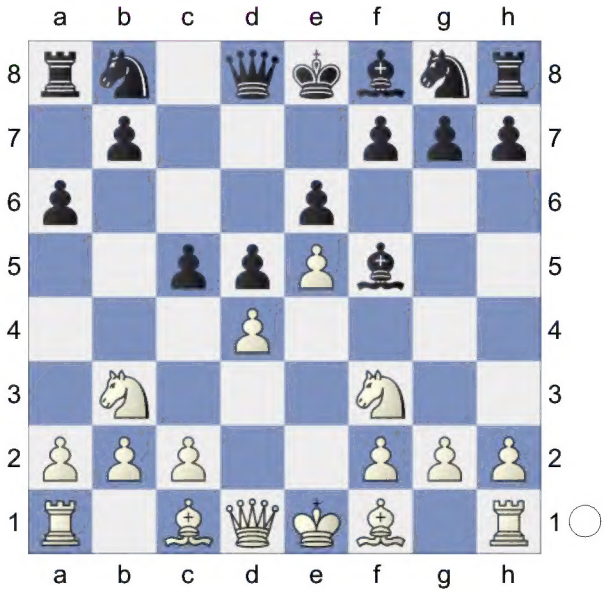
½-½

2 **B12**
□ **Moussard,Jules** **2595**
■ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
John Watson: 'Black doesn't solve 4 Nd2 in this game, either.' **1.e4** 3 **c6** 17 **2.d4** 9 **d5** 6 **3.e5** 7 **Bf5** 14 **4.Nd2** 21 **e6** 31 **5.Nb3** 27 **a6N** 1:40
[5...Nd7 6.Nf3 Ne7 *(6...a6 7.Be2 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nxc5 Nxc5 10.Nd4 Ne7 11.a4 0-0 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Be3 Rac8 14.f4 Be4 15.a5 Nf5 16.Bf2 Qe7 17.Qd2 Nd7 18.c3 f6 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Nxf5 Qxf5 21.Bd4* ½-½ 2. ♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4. ♗g2 (2688)-Vrublevskaya,O (2693) Match/City Stockholm-Leningrad11,5-12,5 1926 *)* 7.Be2 h6 *(7...Bg6 8.0-0 Nf5 9.Bd2 Be7 10.c3 0-0 11.g3 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Bf4 Re8 14.c4 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Nb6 16.Be2 Bh5 17.Be5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Qxd1 20.Raxd1 Nc4 21.Rfe1 Nxb2 22.Rd7* 0-1 Marshall,B-Li,T (1688) Perth op 2023 (1)*)* 8.0-0 Bh7 *(8...g5 9.a4 Bg7 10.a5 Rc8 11.c3 0-0 12.h4 g4 13.Ne1 h5 14.f3 g3 15.Bf4 f6 16.Bxg3 fxe5 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.f4 Bd6 19.Nf3 Nf6 20.Ng5 Qe8 21.Nd4 c5 22.Bb5 Qg6 23.Nxf5* #8 20. Caro-Kann 3...Bf5 − 6. N-8... g5 9. a4 Bg7*)* 9.a4 Nf5 10.a5 Be7 11.g4 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.f4 0-0 14.Be3 f6 15.c4 #6 20. Caro-Kann 3...Bf5 − 6.N-7... h6]
[5...Be7 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Nd7 8.Nf3 h5 9.h3 a6 10.0-0 Nh6 11.Bd2 Nf5 12.Na5 Qc7 13.c4 b6 14.Nb3 dxc4 15.Qxc4 c5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Rac1 Qb7 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Bb4 Rc8 20.Bxc5 ½-½ Bezgodov,A (2561)-Galkin,A (2590) TCh Sochi RUS 2007 (1)]



6.Nf3 1:27 **c5** 2:10



Decoy **7.dxc5** 3:20 **Bxc5** 16 **8.Nxc5** 5:45 White is slightly better. **8...Qa5+** 7 **9.c3** 57 **Qxc5** 7 **10.Be3** 4:44 **Qc7** 2:19

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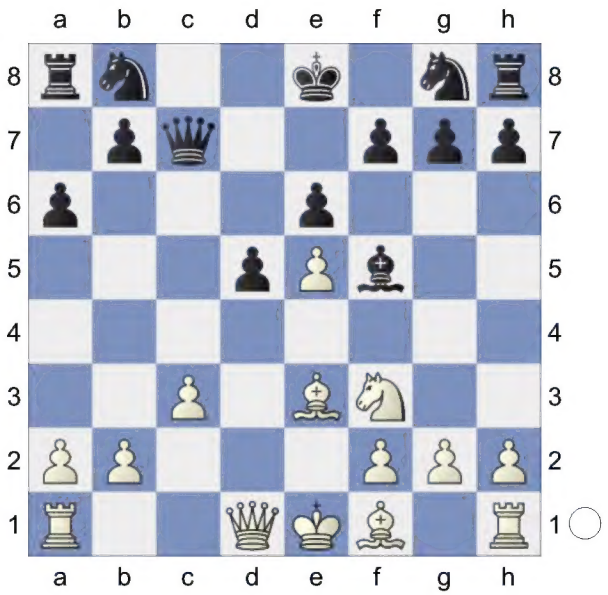
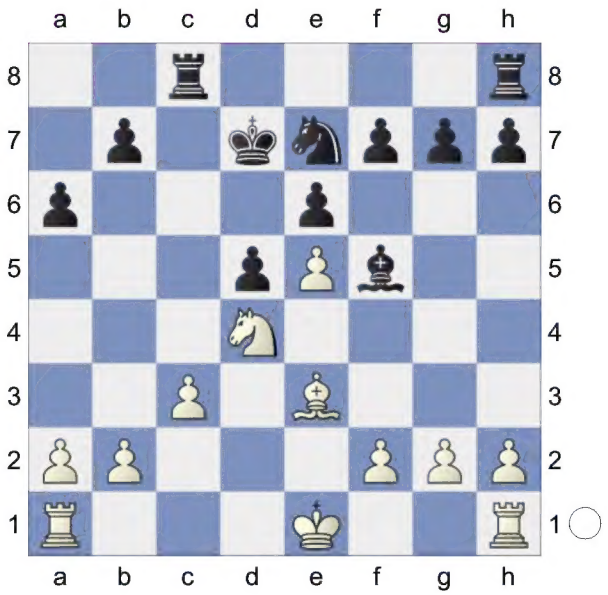
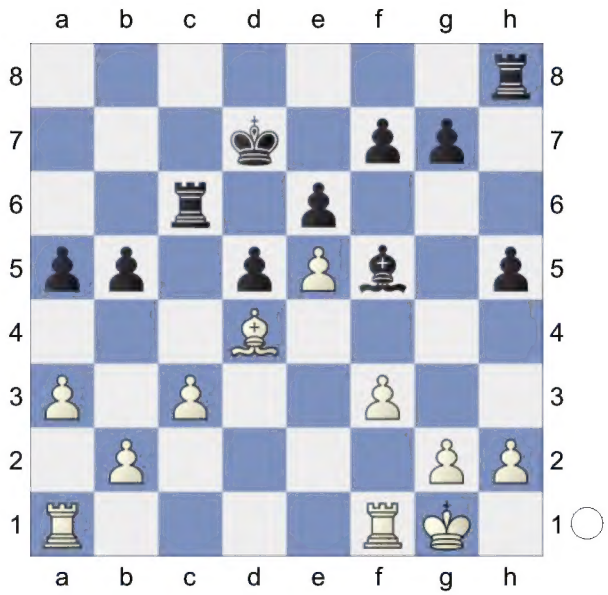


11.Qa4+ 8:07 **Nd7** 6:46 Black is weak on the dark squares **12.Bb5** 5:02 **Ne7** 2:26 **13.Nd4** 10:22 **Rc8** 4:28 **14.Bxd7+** 1:29 **Qxd7** 7 **15.Qxd7+** 29 **Kxd7** 6

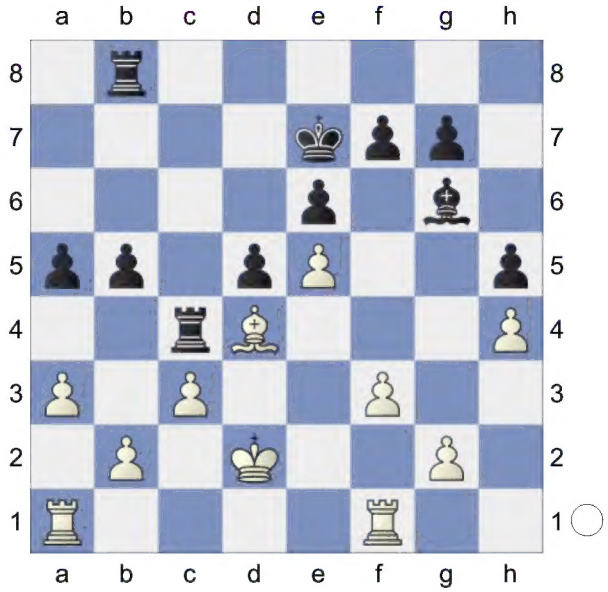


16.0-0 4:42 **Nc6** 0.36/19 5:41
[16...Rc4= -0.07/17]
17.Nxc6 6:44 **Rxc6** 32 **18.Bd4** 3:45 **a5** 7:51 **19.f3** 1:09 **b5** 5:29 **20.a3** 35 **h5** 3:51

(Diagram)



21.h4 1:48 **Bg6** 3:40 **22.Kf2** 55 **Rc4** 2:16 **23.Ke3** 42 **Ke7** 0.58/22 1:50
[23...a4= 0.01/21]
24.Kd2 0.01/23 22
[24.b3± 0.58/22 Rc7 25.a4 bxa4 26.Rxa4]
24...Rb8 3:06



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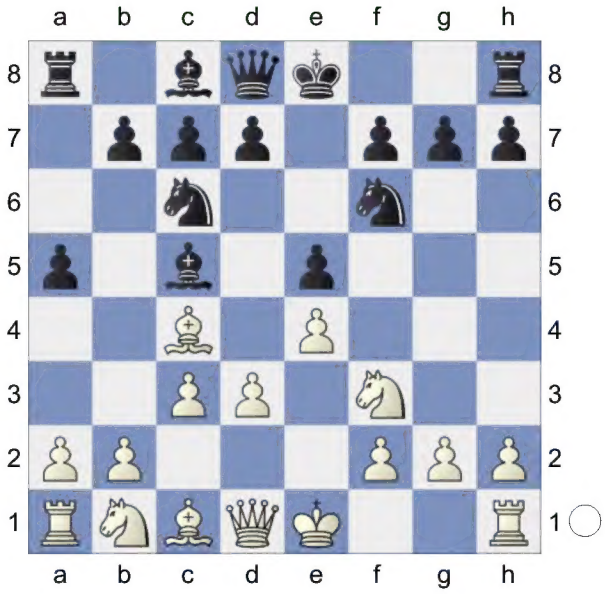
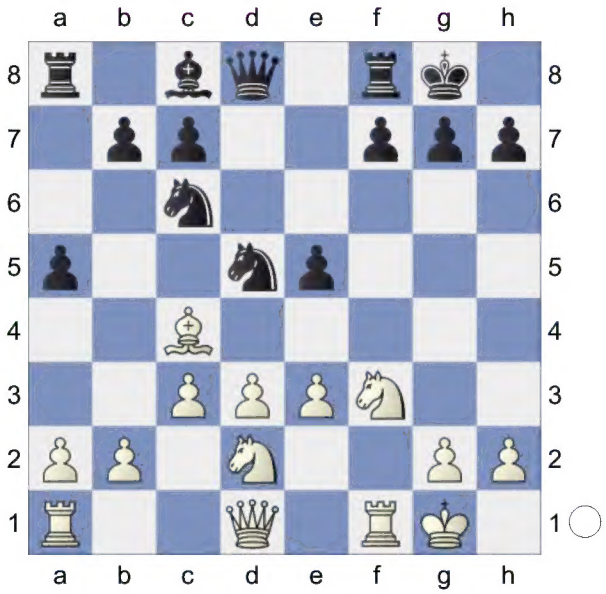
½-½

3 **C54**
□ **Maurizzi,Marc`Andria** **2581**
■ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** 29 **e5** 8 **2.Nf3** 50 **Nc6** 7 **3.Bc4** 2:20 **Bc5** 7 **4.c3** 37 **Nf6** 16 **5.d3** 5 **a5** 34
[5...a6 6.Bb3 d6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.h3 Be6 9.0-0 Ba7 10.Re1 h6 11.Nf1 Re8 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.d4 e4 17.Nd2 f5 18.f3 e3 19.f4 Na5 20.Bxd5+ ½-½ Ellithorpe,G (2715)-Buchicchio,G (2769) 39th World Open Philadelphia USA 2011]
[5...d6 6.0-0 Bb6 7.Re1 Ng4 8.Re2 0-0 9.h3 Nf6 10.Re1 Ne7 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nbd2 c6 13.Bb3 exd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.e5 Nh5 16.Bc2 Nhf4 17.Nf1 f6 18.Bxg6 Nxg6 19.Ng3 Bc7 20.b3 0-1 Krause,B (2404)-Petrov,N (2589) EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja 2024 (6.2)]

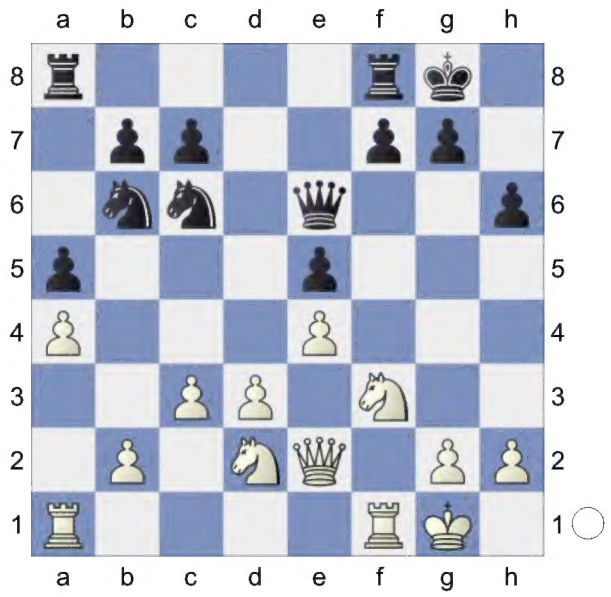


6.0-0N 2:04 Hoping for d4.
[6.a4 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Re8 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.Qb3 Rb8 12.Rfe1 Ba7 13.Nf1 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Re6 15.Rad1 Qd7 16.Qb5 Ng4 17.d4 exd4 18.cxd4 Rg6 19.Bg3 Bb6 20.N1d2 Rd8 1-0 Antal,T (2539)-Medina,J (2483) Leon 1995 (6)]
6...Ba7 57 **7.Be3** 5:20 **Bxe3** 1:39 **8.fxe3** 21 The position is equal. **8...0-0** 6 **9.Nbd2** 2:23 **d5** 7:12 **10.exd5** 5:19 **Nxd5** 1:11

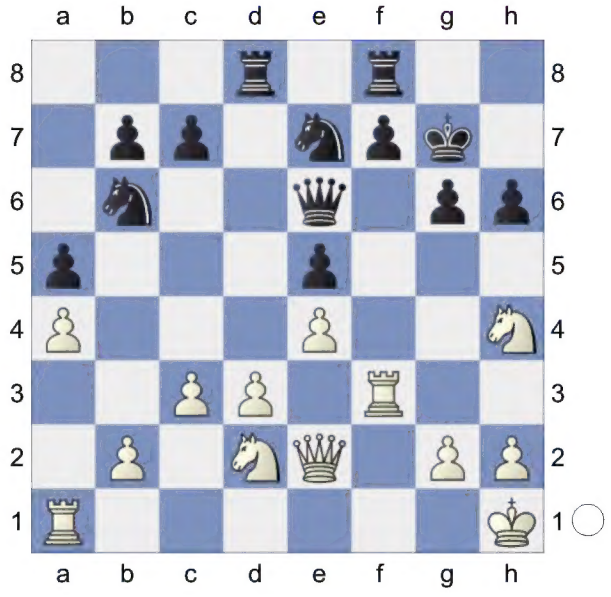


11.Qe2 3:37 **h6** 0.69/19 7:21
[11...Nb6= 0.17/19]
12.a4 7:44 **Nb6** 8:18 **13.Bb3** 5:06 **Qe7** 3:51 **14.e4** 0.10/21 3:22
[14.Qf2± 0.56/18]
14...Be6= 4:53 **15.Bxe6** 34 **Qxe6** 59

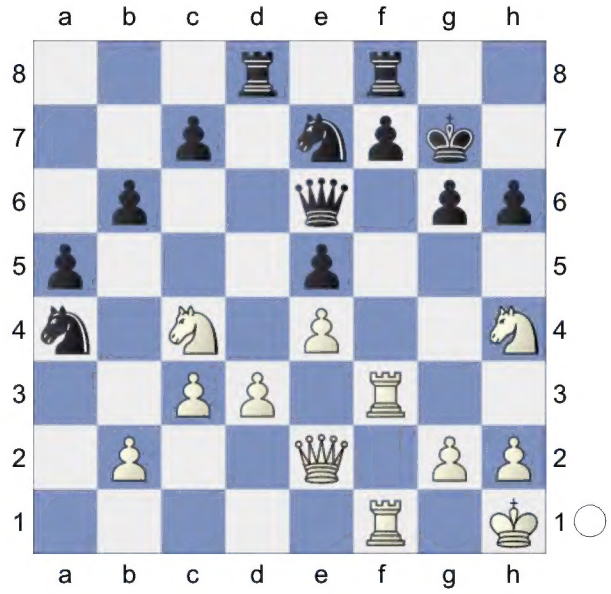
(Diagram)



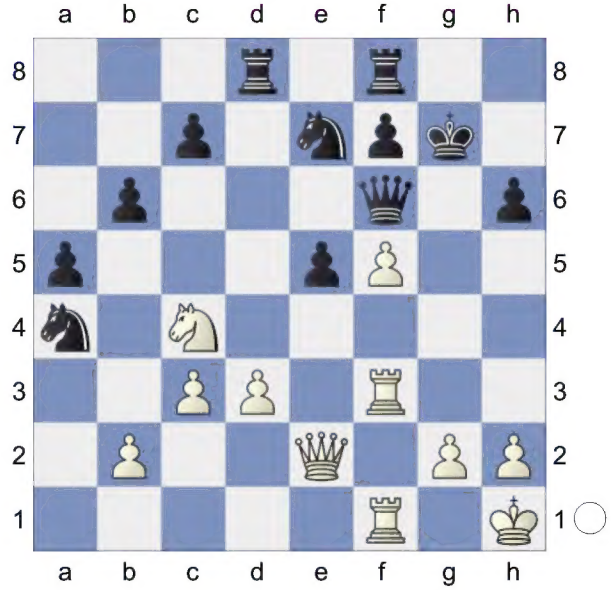
16.Nh4 27 **Ne7** 9:44 **17.Rf3** 1:26 **Rad8** 2:50 **18.Rg3** 5:36 **Kh7** 3:06 **19.Kh1** 4:04 **g6** 0.39/20 5:08
[Black should try 19...f6= -0.28/18]
20.Rf3 0.02/20 10:28
[20.Nhf3± 0.39/20]
20...Kg7 0.65/20 2:17
[20...f6= 0.02/20]



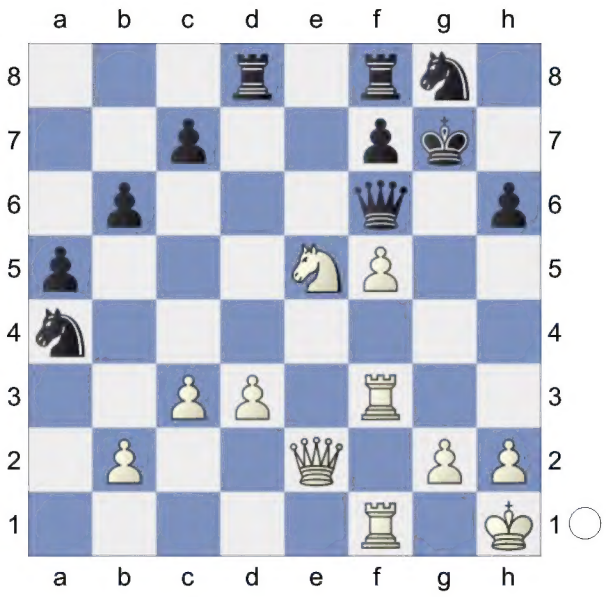
21.Raf1 0.18/22 7:57
[21.Qf2± 0.65/20]
21...Nxa4 6:19 **22.Nc4** 0.09/19 2:06
[22.Rf6± 0.51/21 Qxf6 23.Rxf6 Kxf6 24.d4]
22...b6? 1.71/22 3:25
[22...b5!= 0.09/19 23.Rf6 *(23.Nxa5 f6=)* 23...Qxf6 24.Rxf6 bxc4]



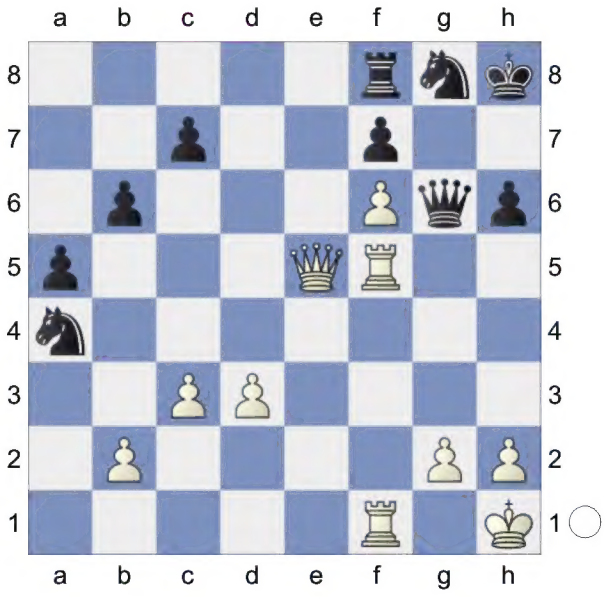
23.Nf5+!+- 3:22 **gxf5** 7:20 **24.exf5** 10 **Qf6** 6



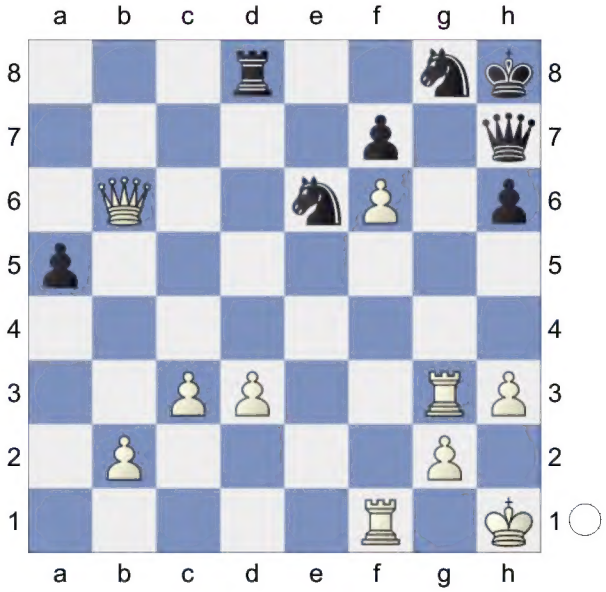
25.Nxe5 0.27/23 5:34
[25.Ne3!± 1.56/21 aiming for Ng4. Nd5 26.Ng4 *(26.Rg3+ Kh7±)*]
25...Ng8 0.65/21 14
[25...Rfe8= 0.27/23]



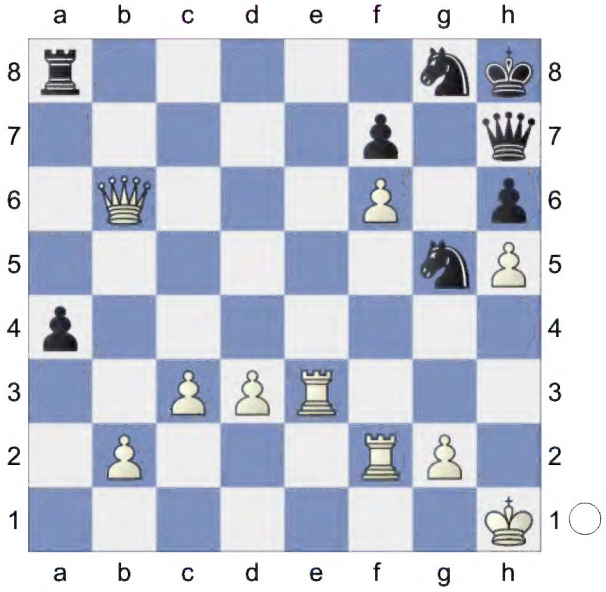
26.Ng4 0.01/22 3:00
[White should play 26.d4± 0.65/21]
26...Qg5? 3.46/22 3:07 White stays focused until the end.
[26...Rfe8= 0.01/22 27.Qc2 Qc6 28.f6+ Kf8]
27.f6+ 1:35 **Kh8** 9 **28.Rf5** 1:41 **Rde8** 2:18 **29.Ne5** 36 **Rxe5** 25 **30.Qxe5** 1:28
[30.Rxe5 Qg6 31.d4 Nxf6+-]
30...Qg6 1:59



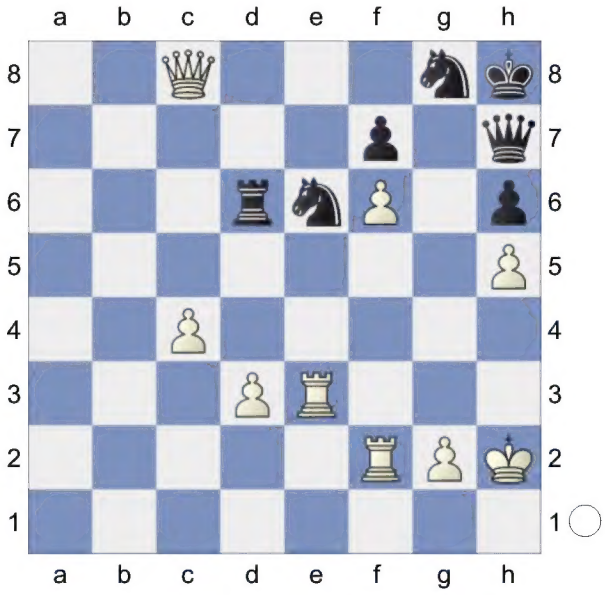
31.R5f3 1:58 And now Rg3 would win.
[31.Qxc7 Nxb2 32.Kg1 *(32.Qxb6 Re8±)* 32...Na4+- *(32...Nxd3? 33.Qd6+-)*]
31...Nc5 5:20 **32.Rg3** 44
[32.Qxc7 Ne6 33.Qxb6 Qh5+-]
32...Qh7 1 **33.Qxc7** 1:11 **Re8** 1:56
34.h3 3:24
[Less strong is 34.Qxb6 Qf5 35.Kg1 *(35.Rxf5? leads to mate. Re1+; 35.Rxg8+? Kxg8 36.Kg1 Qg5-+)* 35...Qd5 36.Qxa5 Qd6+-]
34...Ne6 6:00 **35.Qxb6** 7 **Rd8** 8:37



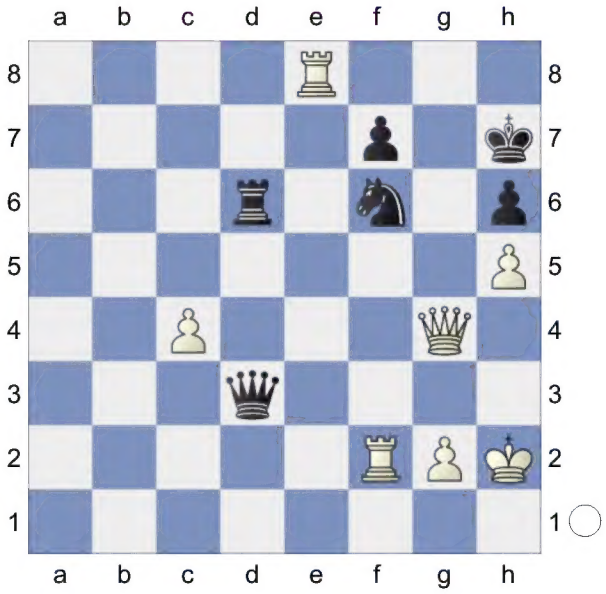
36.Rff3 3:34 **Ra8** 0 **37.Rf2** 1:22 **Ng5** 0
38.h4 2:58 **Ne6** 0 **39.h5** 22 **Ng5** 0
40.Re3 16 **a4** 0



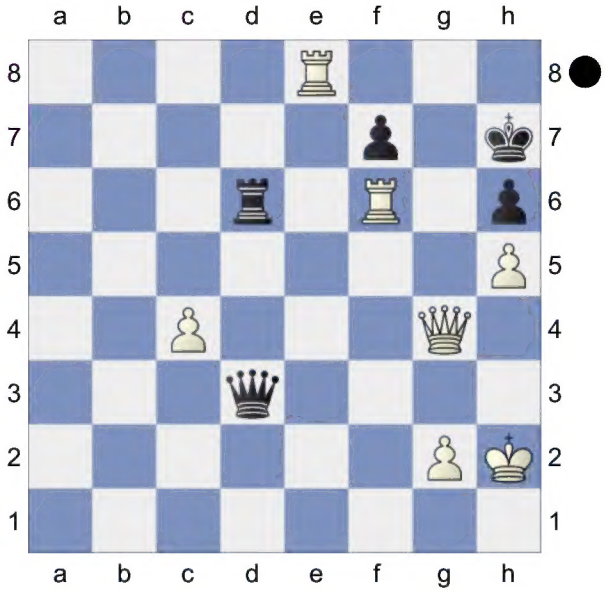
41.c4 34 **a3** 0 **42.bxa3** 1 **Rxa3** 0
43.Qd8 21 **Ra6** 29 **44.Kh2** 1:02 **Ne6** 26
45.Qc8 1:28 **Rd6** 7.35/25 4
[⌓45...Ra5 4.17/26 46.g4 Rg5 47.Qxe6 Promotion fxe6 *(47...Rxh5+ 48.gxh5 fxe6 49.f7 Qg7 50.f8Q Qxf8 51.Rxf8 Kg7 52.Ref3)*]



46.Rxe6! 44 Deflection, Promotion
46...Qxd3 1:26
[46...Rxe6 47.Qxe6]
47.Re8 30 White mates. **47...Kh7** 6
48.Qg4 1:10 **Nxf6** 27



49.Rxf6! 3



Remove Defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.51
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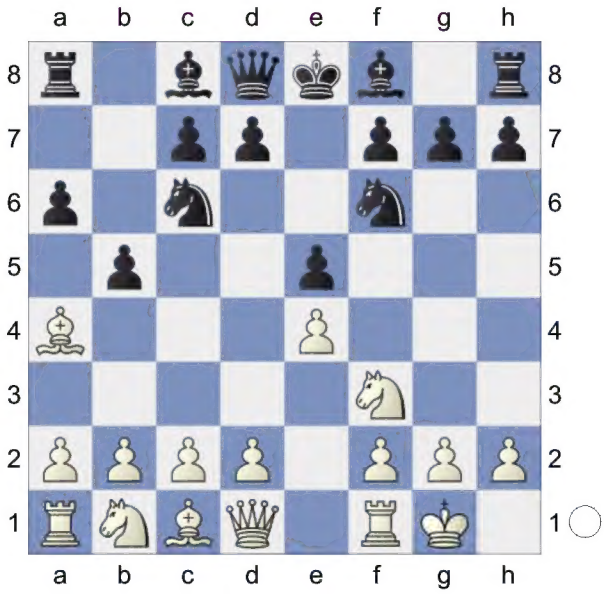
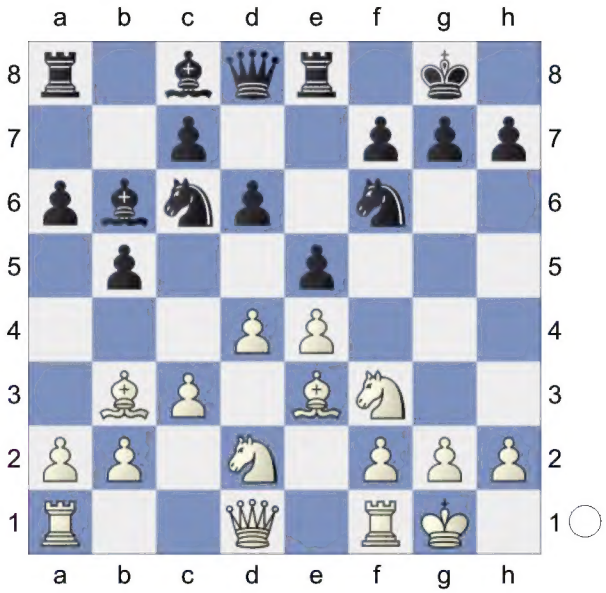
4 **C78**
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (1.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4** 3 **e5** 8 **2.Nf3** 14 **Nc6** 6 **3.Bb5** 5 **a6** 8 **4.Ba4** 4 **Nf6** 5 **5.0-0** 9 **b5** 8



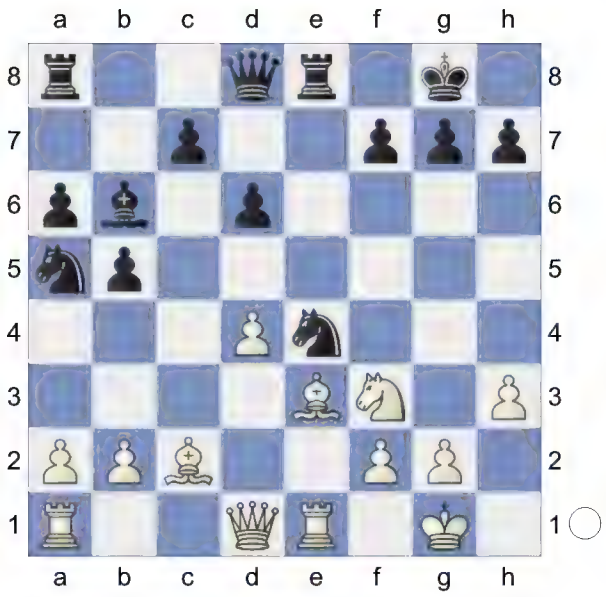
6.Bb3 6 **Bc5** 6 **7.c3** 28 **d6** 10 **8.d4** 10 **Bb6** 6 **9.Be3** 25 **0-0** 22 **10.Nbd2** 11 **Re8** 21

(Diagram)

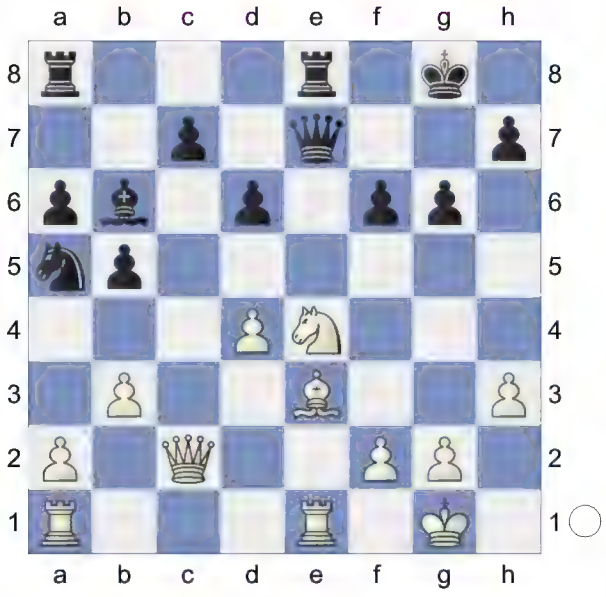


11.h3 3:34 **Na5** 4:01 The position is equal. **12.Bc2** 15:01 **exd4** 17:14 **13.cxd4** 2:26 **Bb7** 6 **14.Re1N** 28:01
[14.Qb1 Nc4 15.Nxc4 bxc4 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.Nxc4 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 19.Qd3 Qd7 20.Rfc1 Nf6 21.b3 Nd5 22.Bd2 Re6 23.Re1 Modern Arkhangelsk-10...Re8/Bb7/h6]
14...Bxe4 8:03
[14...Nxe4?! 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 *(15...Bxe4? 16.Bg5+-)* 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.d5+-]
15.Nxe4 15:58 **Nxe4** 13

(Diagram)

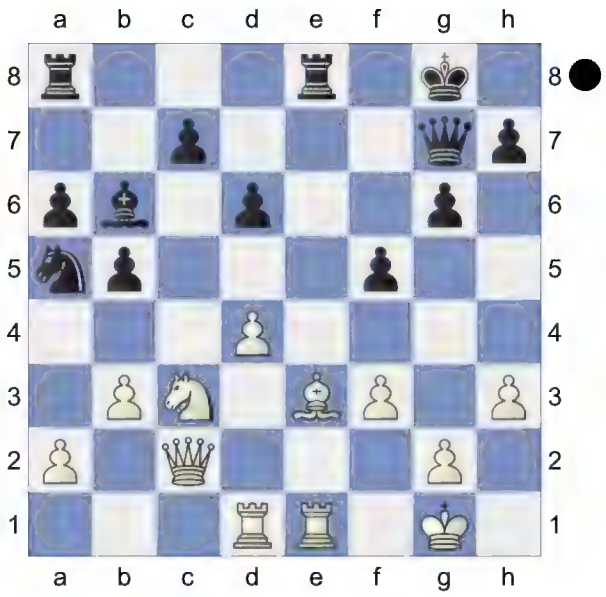


16.Bxe4 8 **Rxe4** 6 **17.Qc2** 17:37 **Re8** 15:12 **18.Ng5!** 45 White has compensation. **18...g6** 2:25 Threatens to win with ...Rxe3! **19.Ne4!** 40 **f6** 1:04 Inhibits Bg5. **20.b3** 1:22 Wards off Nc4 **20...Qe7** 20:12

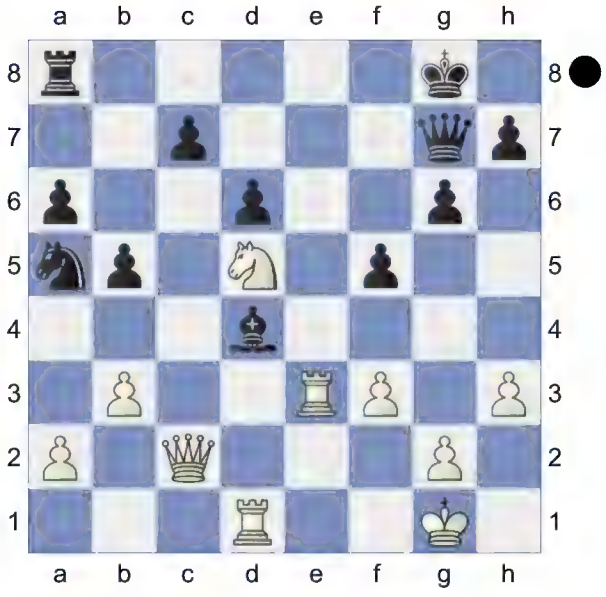


21.f3 -0.73/20 4:45
[21.Bd2∓ -0.32/18]
21...f5 14:43 **22.Nc3** 6 **Qg7** 2:53 Strongly threatening ...Rxe3! **23.Rad1** 5:21

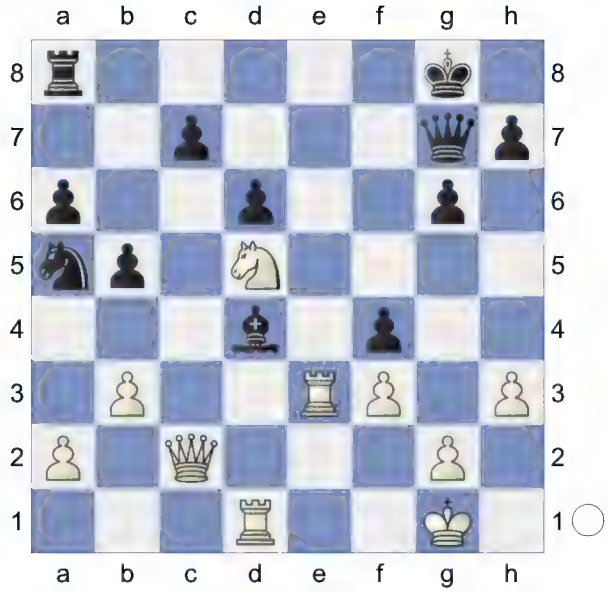
(Diagram)



Rxe3! 2:29 **24.Rxe3** 7 And now Ne2 would win. **24...Bxd4** 2 Pin **25.Nd5** -1.43/19 6
[⌓25.Qd2 -0.85/20 f4 Pin *(25...Bxe3+ 26.Qxe3 Qe5 27.Qd2∓)* 26.Qxd4 Qxd4 *(26...fxe3? 27.Qd5+ Kf8 28.Qxa8++-)* 27.Rxd4 fxe3 28.Re4]



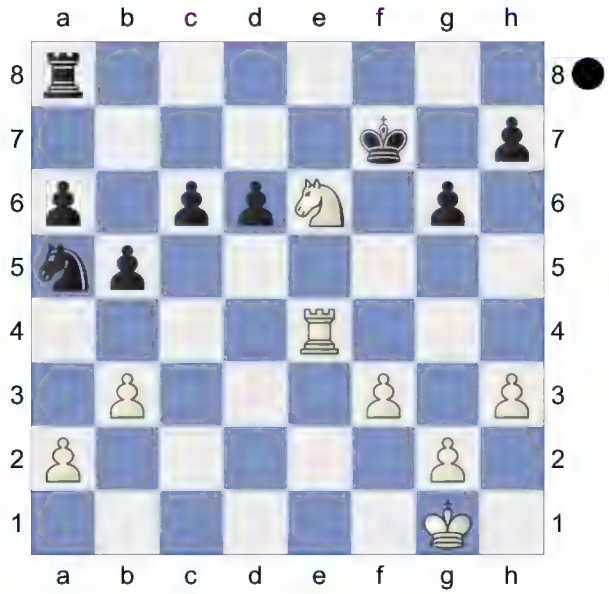
25...f4 -0.01/21 7:50
[25...c6!∓ -1.43/19 26.Qd2 Bxe3+ *(26...cxd5? perishes. 27.Qxd4 Qxd4 28.Rxd4+-)* 27.Nxe3 Nb7]



26.Rxd4= 3:06 **Qxd4** 22 Pin, Double Attack **27.Qe4** 4 **Qxe4** 44 **28.Rxe4** 1 Endgame. KRN-KRN **28...c6** 1:53 **29.Nxf4** -0.97/22 1:33

[29.Nf6+!= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. Kf7 30.Nxh7]

29...Kf7∓ 17 **30.Ne6** 8



h6! 30

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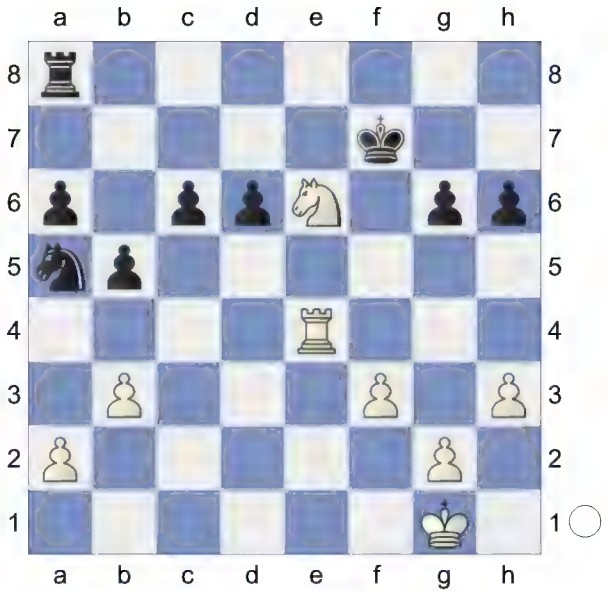


Dodges Ng5+ **31.Nf4** -1.49/19 1:12

[⌓31.Nc7 -1.04/20 Rc8 *(31...Ra7 32.Rf4+ Ke7 33.Re4+ Kd7 34.Ne8=)* 32.Nxa6]

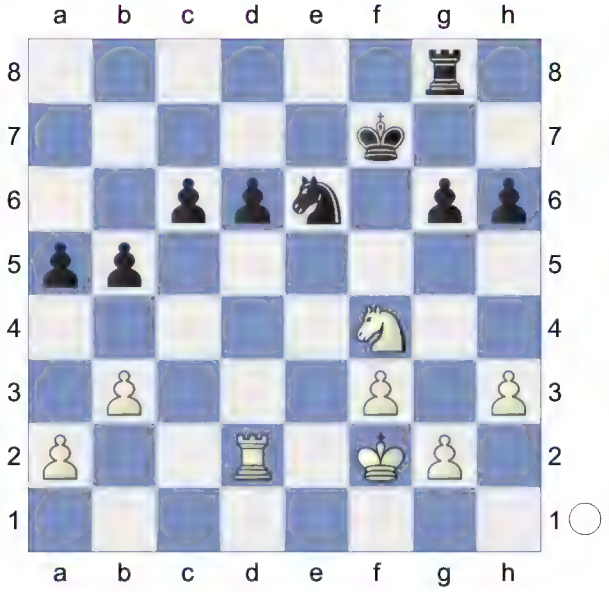
31...Nb7 -1.12/19 1:10

[⌓31...g5 -1.49/19 32.Ne2 Kf6]

32.Re6 -1.66/21 10

[32.Nd3∓ -1.12/19]

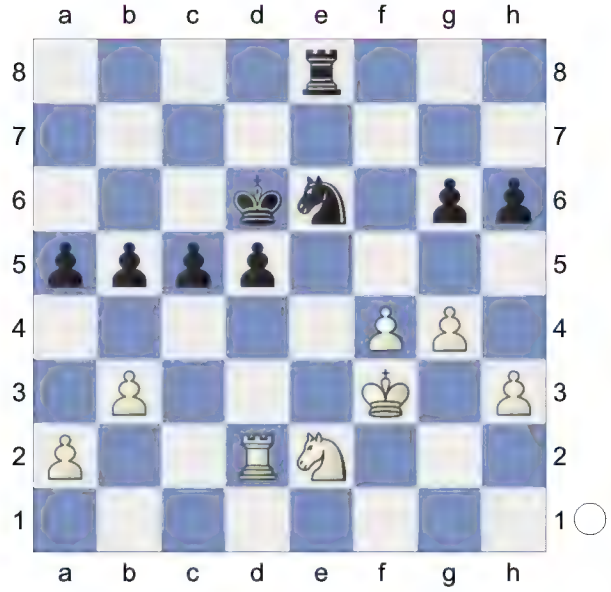
32...Rg8-+ 18 Hoping for ...g5. **33.Re2** 15 **a5** 2:28 **34.Kf2** 16 **Nc5** 26 **35.Rd2** 5 **Ne6** 19



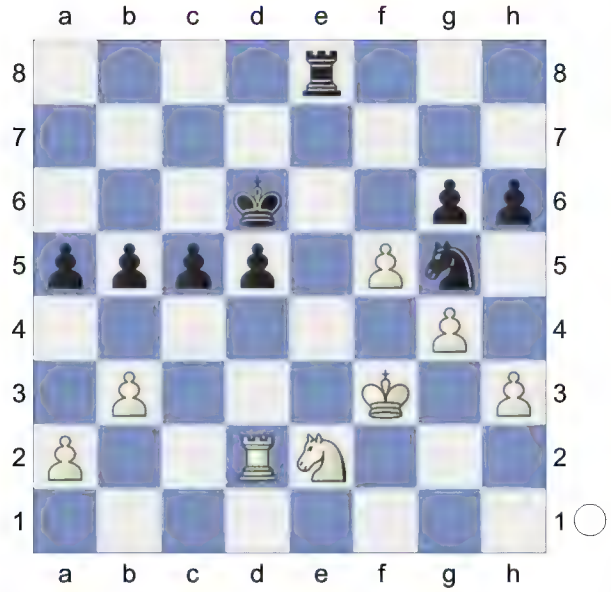
36.Ne2 -2.42/20 9

[⌓36.Nxe6 -1.86/19 Kxe6 37.Re2+

Kf6 38.g3]
36...Ke7 20 **37.f4** -3.21/20 13
[37.Nd4 -2.22/19 is a better defense.
Nxd4 38.Rxd4]
37...d5 10 **38.g4** 12 **Kd6** 9 **39.Ke3** 6
Re8 47 **40.Kf3** 1:10 **c5** 16



41.f5? -4.78/23 40
[41.h4 -2.89/19]
41...Ng5+ 31



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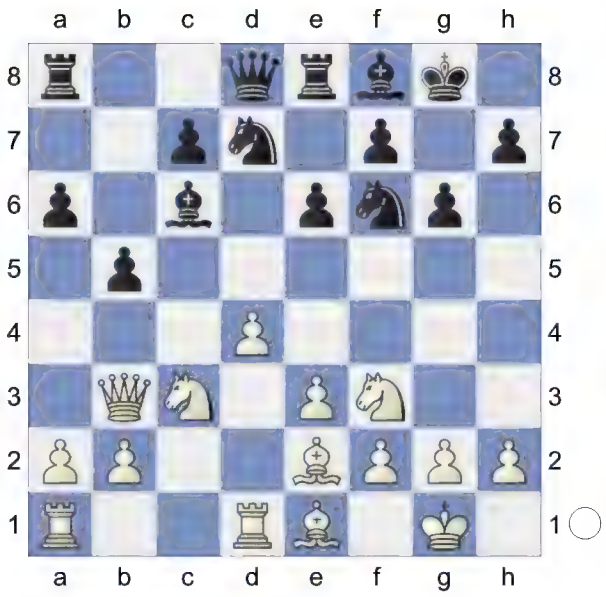
5 **D96**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (1.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D96: Grünfeld: Russian System (5 Qb3): sidelines **1.d4** 11 **Nf6** 1:00 **2.c4** 8 **g6** 4 **3.Nc3** 8 **d5** 26 **4.Nf3** 1:43 **Bg7** 14 **5.Qb3** 7 **dxc4** 17

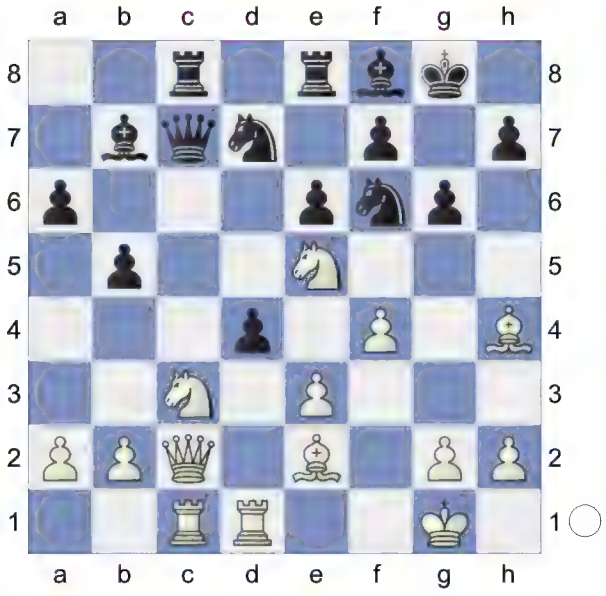
6.Qxc4 8 **Be6** 9 **7.Qa4+** 32 **Bd7** 41 **8.Qa3** 28 **Bc6** 13 **9.e3** 20 The position is equal. **9...Nbd7** 40 **10.Be2** 45 **0-0** 12

(Diagram)

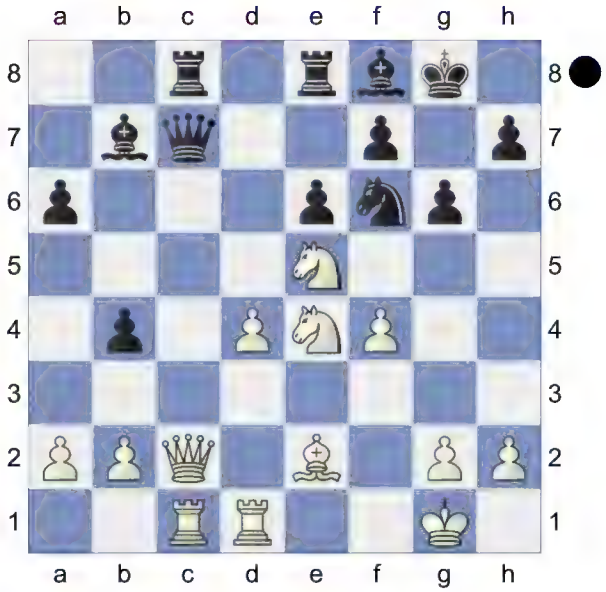
11.0-0 9 **e6** 1:52 **12.Rd1** 1:43 **a6N** 19
[12...Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Bd2 a5 15.Rac1 c6 16.Be1 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Re8 18.g3 h5 19.Bg2 Qb6 20.h3 a4 21.Rc2 Nf6 22.Qd3 Nd5 23.Qc4 Red8 24.a3 Rd7 25.Qe2 Rad8 26.Rc4 Ra8 27.Qc2 1-0 Esipenko,A (2723)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) Chess.com RCC Wk11 Swiss chess.com INT 2022 (6)]
[12...Qb8 13.Bd2 a6 14.Rac1 b5 15.Nb1 Bd5 16.Ba5 Rc8 17.Nbd2 c6 18.b4 e5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Bf3 Qe6 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Bc7 d4 24.exd4 Nd5 25.Re1 Qg4 26.Ba5 Rxc1 27.Qxc1 0-1 Schoeneich,M (2460)-Jones,B (2577) TOP 16 Guingamp FRA 2010 (6) Rc8 28.Qd1 Qxd4 29.Ne4 Qxd1 30.Rxd1 Rc4 31.g3 Rd4 32.Rxd4 Bxd4 33.Kf1 f5 34.Nc5 Bxc5 35.bxc5 Kf7 36.Bd2 Ke6 37.Ke2 Ne7 38.Kf3 Nc6 39.Kf4 Ne5 40.Be3 h6 41.h4 Nd3+ 42.Kf3 0-1 Sandipan, C (2460)-Iskandarov,M (2577) Dubai op-A 23rd 2023 (6)]
13.Bd2 52 **Re8** 21 **14.Be1** 1:23 **Bf8** 50 **15.Qb3** 31 **b5** 30



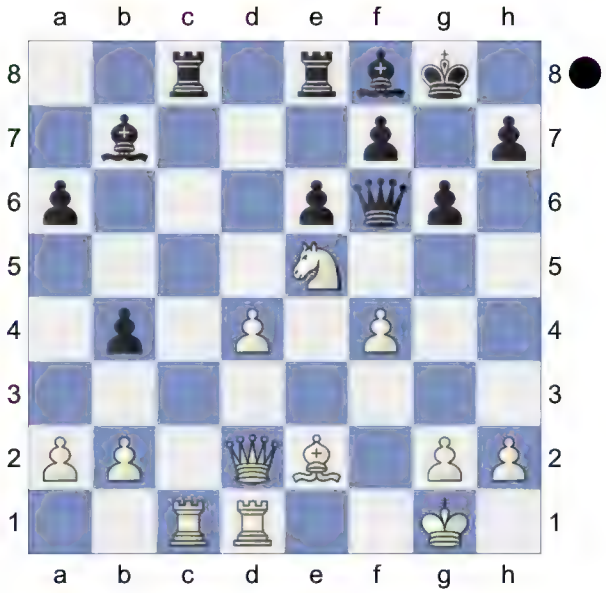
16.Qc2 49 **Bb7** 6:27 **17.Ne5** 2:42 **Rc8** 0.50/18 13:33
[17...Bd6= 0.07/16 is more appropriate.]
18.f4 -0.75/19 28:12
[18.a4± 0.50/18 keeps the upper hand.]
18...c5∓ 6:18 Black is better.
[18...c6 simplifies 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.a4 Qc7]
19.Bh4 19:29 Strongly threatening Nxd7.
19...Qc7 6:13 **20.Rac1** 3:35 **cxd4** 7:09



Discovered Attack **21.exd4** 27 **b4** 20:17
22.Bxf6 13 Remove Defender **22...Nxf6** 14 **23.Ne4** 12



Discovered Attack **23...Qe7** 10:43
[Don't play 23...Qxc2?! 24.Nxf6+ Kh8 25.Rxc2 Rxc2 26.Nxe8=]
24.Nxf6+ 3:29 **Qxf6** 2 **25.Qd2** 11



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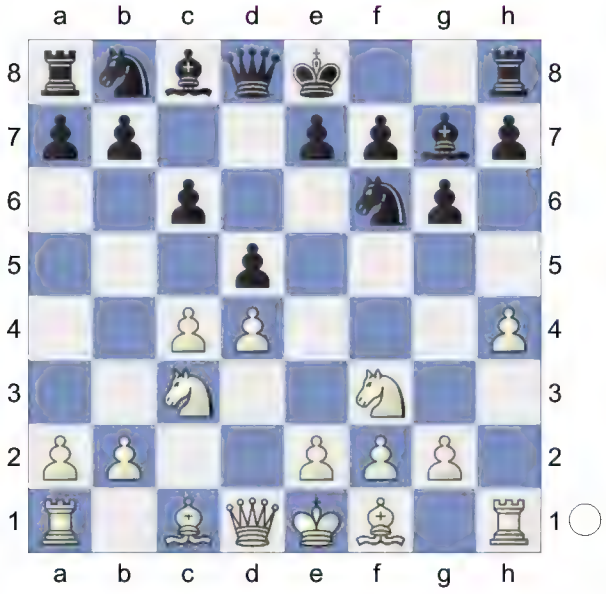
6 **D90**
□ **Navara,David** **2677**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

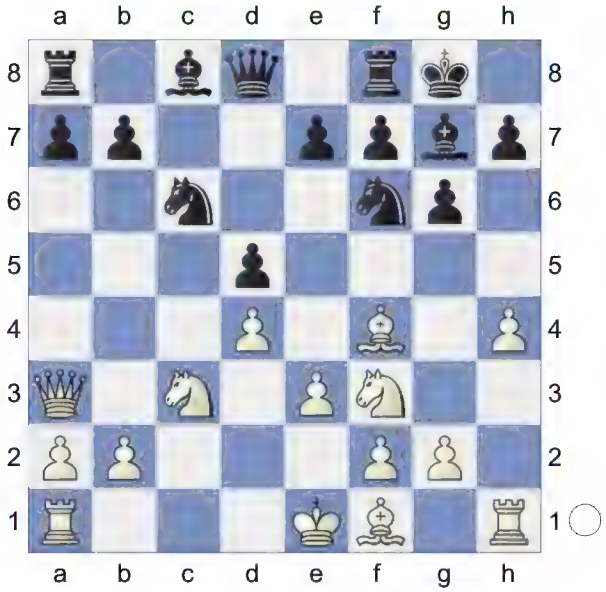
Slow 90min+30sec
D90: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 sidelines **1.d4** 3 **Nf6** 46 **2.c4** 4 **g6** 9 **3.Nc3** 6 **d5** 17 **4.Nf3** 5 **Bg7** 13 **5.h4** 8 **c6** 7:54



6.cxd5 22 **cxd5** 7 **7.Bf4** 14 **0-0** 2:59 **8.e3** 18 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 1:33 **9.Qb3** 20 **Na5** 15:46 **10.Qa3** 30 **Nc6** 19

[10...Nc4 11.Bxc4 dxc4 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ne5 b5 14.Qa6 Qc8 15.Qa5 Qd8 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Nxb5 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Rac1 a6 21.Na3 Nd3 22.Rc2 Rac8 23.Bg5 Re8 24.Nxc4 h6 25.Bf4 Fedoseev,V (2724)-Carlsen,M (2835) 139/(170) Wijk aan Zee 2019]

[10...Bf5 11.Be2 a6 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.0-0 f6 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.Nd2 Bf5 17.Rac1 e5 18.dxe5 fxe5 19.Bg3 Be6 20.Nb3 Bf7 21.Nc5 Qe7 22.Rfd1 Bf6 23.Qa4 Nb8 24.Qa5 Rc8 25.Ne4 1-0 Fiorito, J (2405)-Romero Barreto,J (2361) Villa Martelli Panno 70-A 2023 (3)]



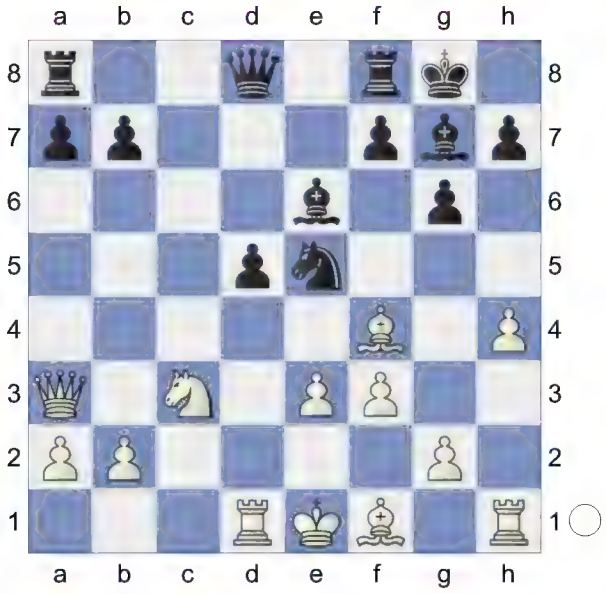
11.Ne5N 15:25

[11.Rc1 Bf5 12.Be2 Ne4 13.Qb3 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 Na5 15.Qb5 a6 16.Qb4 Rc8 17.Rxc8 Bxc8 18.0-0 Nc6 19.Qb3 Re8 20.Rc1 e5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Rd1 Qc7 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Bf3 Bf5 1-0 Sprenger,E (2658)-Coudrain,J (2562) Wch U10 Girls Oropesa del Mar 1998 26.Rxd5 Be4 27.Bxe4 Rxe4 28.g3 Rc4 29.Qd3 Qc6 30.Kh2 h5 31.Rd6 Qc5 32.Kg2 a5 33.Qd5 Qxd5+ 34.Rxd5 Rb4 35.b3 b6 36.Kf3 Kf8 37.Ke2 Ke7 38.Kd3 Ke6 39.e4 f5 40.f3 fxe4+ 1-0 Melkumyan,H (2658)-Burke,J (2562) 141/159 Philadelphia 2019]

[11.Bb5 Bd7 12.0-0 a6 13.Be2 b5 14.Qb3 Na5 15.Qd1 Bg4 16.Ne5 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 e6 18.Nd3 Qe7 19.Rac1 Rfc8 20.Bg5 Qf8 21.Nc5 Nc4 Swiercz,D (2655)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Astana 141/(159) 2019]

11...Ng4 8:16 **12.Nxg4** 7:16 **Bxg4** 21

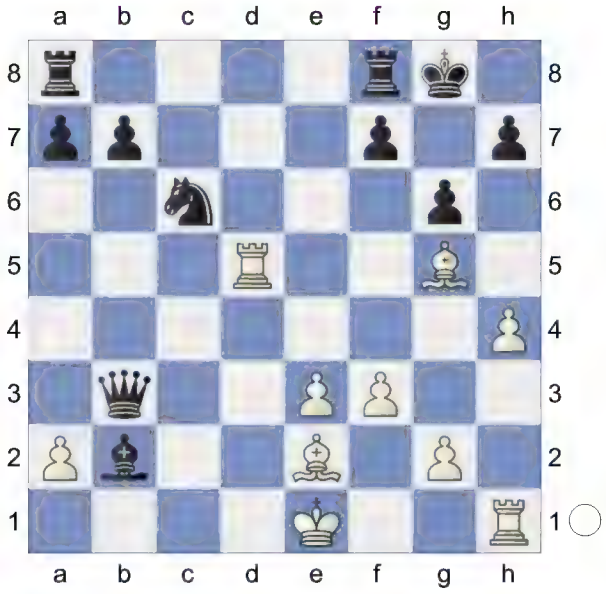
13.f3! 1:53 **e5** 2:02 **14.dxe5** 1:08 **Be6** 36 **15.Rd1** 1:34 **Nxe5** 8:10



16.Be2 3:39 **Nc6** 8:31 **17.Bg5** 11:14 **Qb6** 0.77/18 20:30

[17...f6= 0.20/17 18.Bf4 f5]

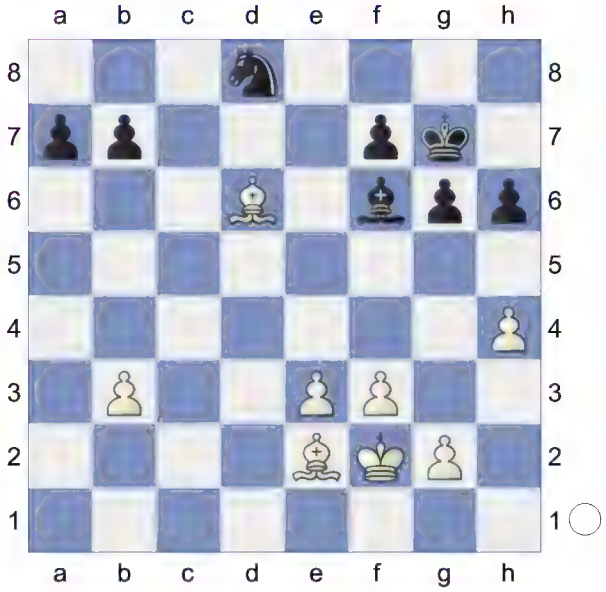
18.Nxd5± 1:20 **Bxd5** 16 **19.Rxd5** 11 **Bxb2** 1:25 **20.Qb3** 2:43 **Qxb3** 1:09



21.axb3 15 **Kg7** 2:03 Black is weak on the light squares **22.Kf2** 3:22 **h6!** 1:03 **23.Bf4** 10 **Rfd8** 8 **24.Rhd1** 2:29 **Rxd5** 15 **25.Rxd5** 10 **Rd8** 10

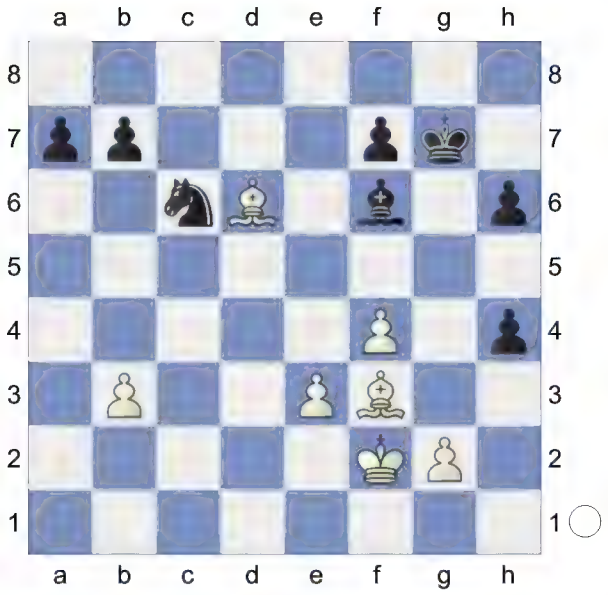
(Diagram)

Wards off Rd7 **26.Rxd8** 5:45 **Nxd8±** 22 Endgame. KBB-KBN **27.Bd6** 11:58 **Bf6** 1:53

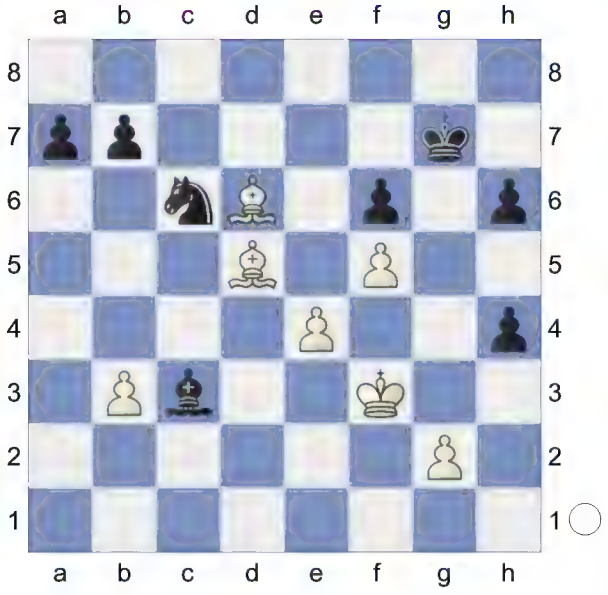


28.h5! 13:11 **gxh5** 50 **29.f4** 1:43 **h4** 6 **30.Bf3** 1:55 White has compensation. **30...Nc6** 29

(Diagram)



31.Bd5 4:05 **Bc3** 6:56 **32.e4** 1:59 **f6** 8
33.Kf3 1:02 **Kg6** 1.11/21 2:01
[33...Bb4± 0.57/22 34.Bxb4 Nxb4 35.Bxb7 Nc2]
34.f5+± 8:04 **Kg7** 11



35.Bxc6! 7 **bxc6** 6

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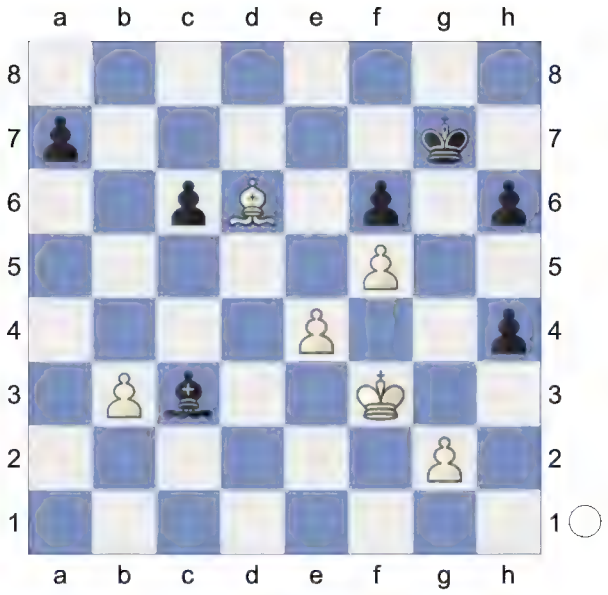
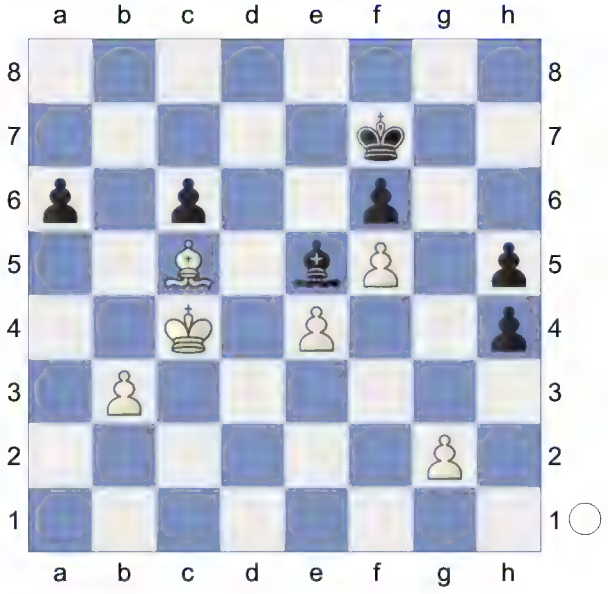
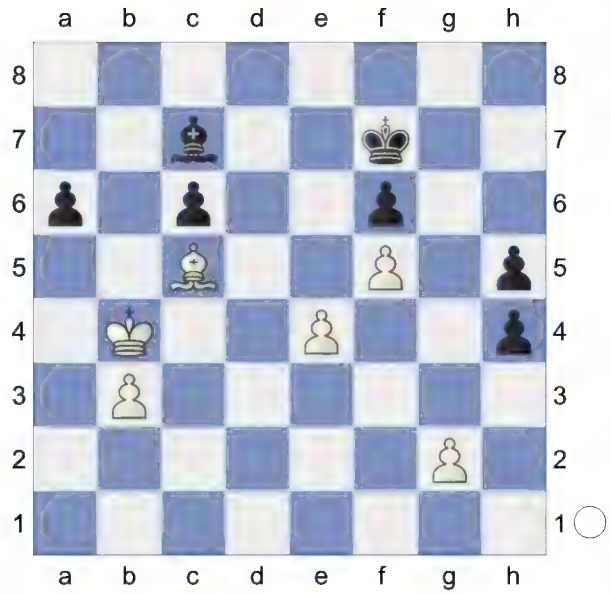


KB-KB **36.Bc5** 13 **a6** 3:16 **37.Ke2** 50
Repels Be1 **37...Kf7** 1:07 **38.Kd3** 1:05
[Much less strong is 38.Bf2 Ke8 39.Bxh4 h5±]
38...Be5 2:06 **39.Kc4** 19
[Much worse is 39.Bf2?! Bg3 40.Be3 h5=]
39...h5 1.90/28 1:02
[39...Ke8± 1.22/25 is a better defense.]

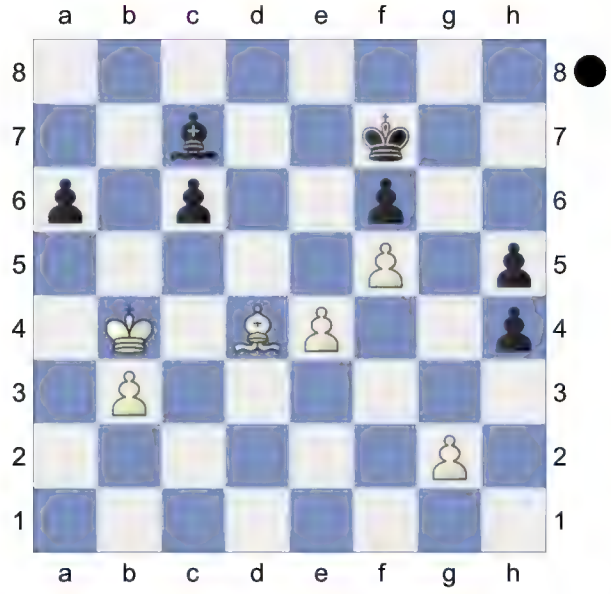


40.Kb4!+- 1:15 **Bc7?** 4.51/28 4:01
[40...Ke8 1.80/27 41.Ka5 Kd7

42.Kxa6 Kc7]



41.Bd4 24



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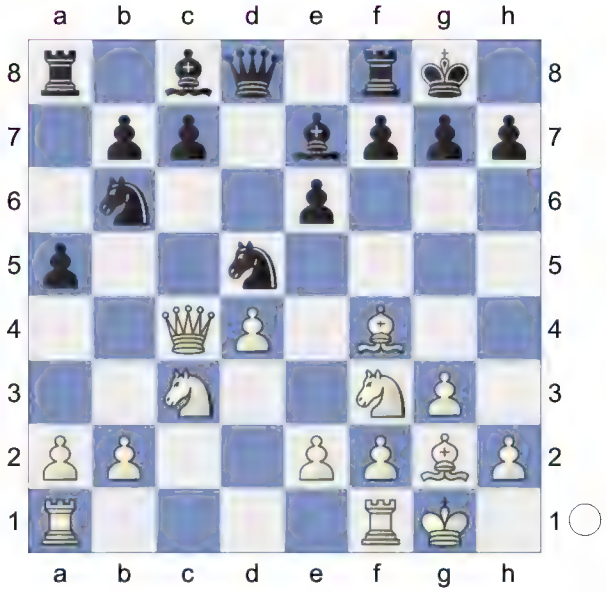
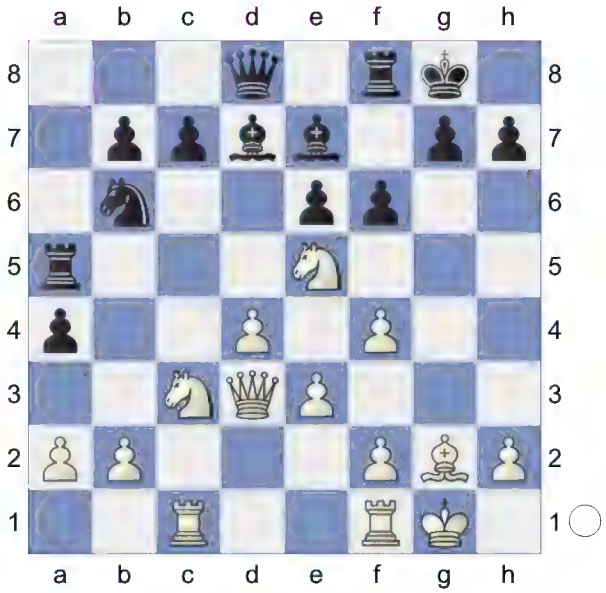
7 **E08**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 3 **Nf6** 1:21 **2.Nf3** 6 **d5** 50 **3.c4** 6 **e6** 27 **4.g3** 9 **Be7** 1:48 **5.Bg2** 8 **0-0** 19

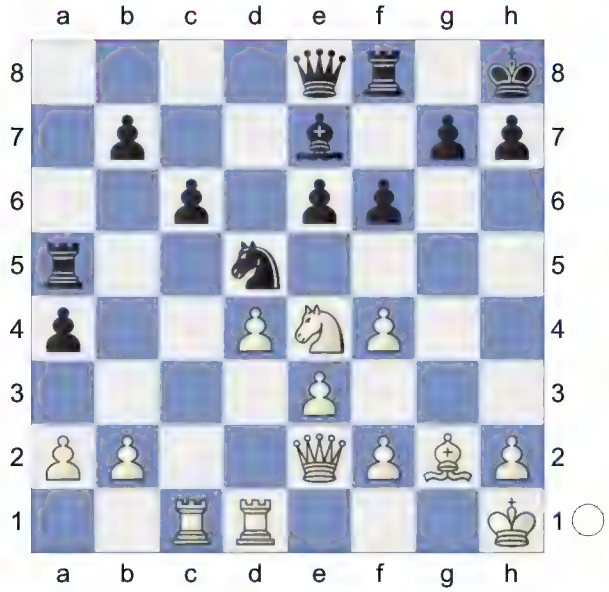
6.0-0 6 **Nbd7** 1:13
[6...c6 7.b3 *(7.Nc3 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 Nbd7 11.Re1 dxc4 12.bxc4 Bxc4 13.Nd2 Ba6 14.Bxc6 Rc8 15.Bb5 Nb8 16.e4 Ne8 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Qe2 Nb8 19.Rad1 Nd6 20.e5 Nf5 21.Nf3 Qe8* 1-0 Zhong,K (2566)-Kavalek,L (2598) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open Batumi (3.1) *)* 7...Nbd7 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 b6 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.Ne3 c5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nc4 N5f6 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Bd5 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Nfe5 Kf8 20.Nd6 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 ½-½ Keres,P (2615)-Spassky,B (2690) It "Central Chess Club" Moscow (Russia) 1967]
7.Qc2 21 **a5N** 7
[7...Ne4 8.b3 f5 9.Ba3 c6 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nbd2 g5 12.Ne1 Qg7 13.e3 Kh8 14.Nd3 h5 15.Nf3 Qh6 16.Nfe5 g4 17.Kh1 h4 18.gxh4 Kg7 19.f3 Qxh4 20.fxe4 Rh8 21.Kg1 Qxh2+ 22.Kf2 1-0 Fominyh,A (2571)-Adly,A (2209) Golden Cleopatra op Cairo 2001 (4)]
8.Bf4 2:08 **dxc4** 24:06 **9.Qxc4** 29 **Nd5** 2:48 **10.Nc3** 40 **N7b6** 2:14



11.Qd3 33 **Nxf4** 4:54 **12.gxf4** 3 **a4** 40 **13.e3** 9:28 **Ra5** 5:06 **14.Rac1** 8:31 **Bd7** 3:37 **15.Ne5** 4:33 **f6** 1:26



16.Nxd7 3:20 **Qxd7** 19 **17.Rfd1** 4:38 **c6** 8 **18.Ne4** 3:38 **Nd5** 1:27 **19.Qe2** 18:52 **Kh8** 9:20 **20.Kh1** 6:34 **Qe8** 1:22



21.Rg1 -0.15/17 2:18
[⌓21.a3 0.29/18]
21...Nc7 0.46/18 1:25
[21...a3= -0.15/17]
22.Ng3 0.03/19 4:22
[22.Qd2± 0.46/18 Ra8 23.Nc5]
22...Qf7 3:29 **23.Be4** 5:00 **g6** 19
24.Bb1 6:09 **a3** 8:04 **25.b3** -0.58/17 13
[25.Ne4= -0.14/17 feels stronger.]
25...Na6 -0.04/18 11
[Better is 25...Rd5∓ -0.58/17]

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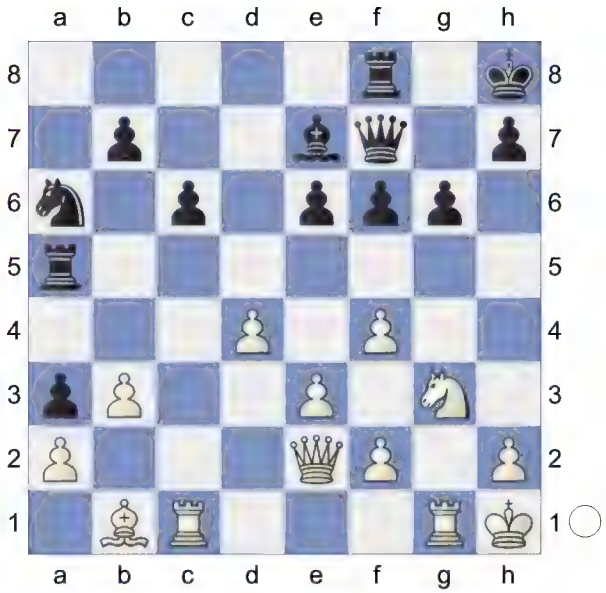
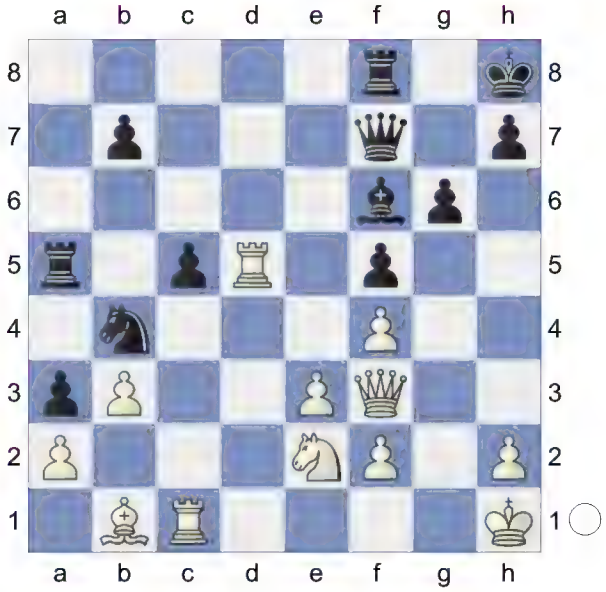
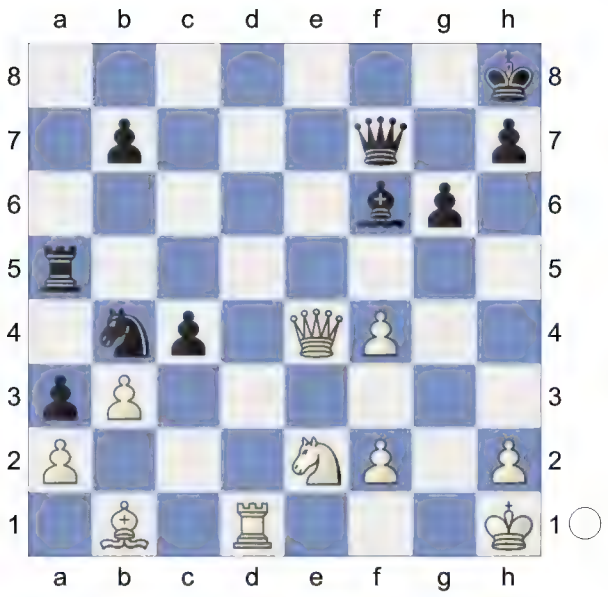


26.Qf3 3:34 **f5** 5:07 **27.Ne2** 9:34 **Bf6** 46 **28.Rgd1** 2:20 **c5** 6:22 **29.d5!** 48 **exd5** 58 **30.Rxd5** 45 **Nb4** 9

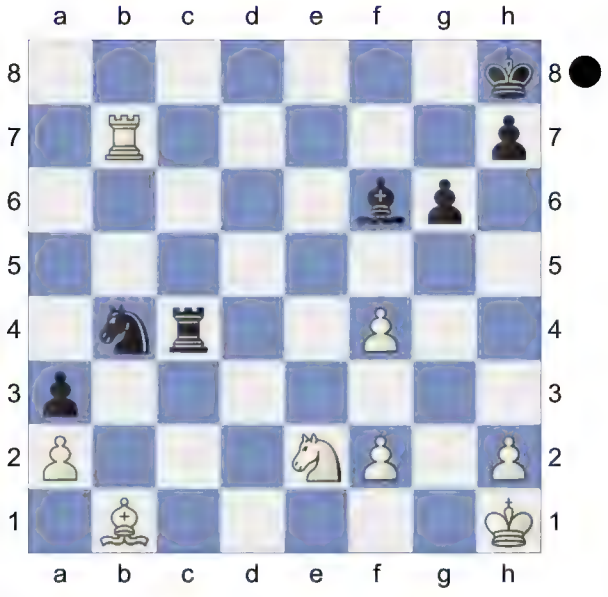


31.Rd2 2:03 **Rd8** 1:18 **32.Rxd8+** 37 **Bxd8** 2 **33.e4** 59 **fxe4** 3:05 **34.Qxe4** 2 **Bf6** 35 **35.Rd1** 1:46 **c4** 0.69/22 7:33

(Diagram)



36.Qxc4 0.28/23 15
[36.bxc4± 0.69/22 Rc5 37.Rd8+ Decoy Bxd8 38.Qd4+ Kg8 39.Qxc5]
36...Qxc4= 14 **37.bxc4** 2 **Rc5** 7 **38.Rd7** -0.01/20 2:43
[38.Rd6!± 0.39/22 deserves consideration. Bh4 39.Rd4]
38...Rxc4 2:11 White must now prevent ...Nxa2! The position is equal. **39.Rxb7** 2



Nxa2! 32 Decoy **40.Rb8+** 26 **Kg7** 2

(Diagram)

aiming for ...Nc1. **41.Rb7+** 6 **Kh8!** 4
...Nc1 is the strong threat. **42.Rb8+** 6

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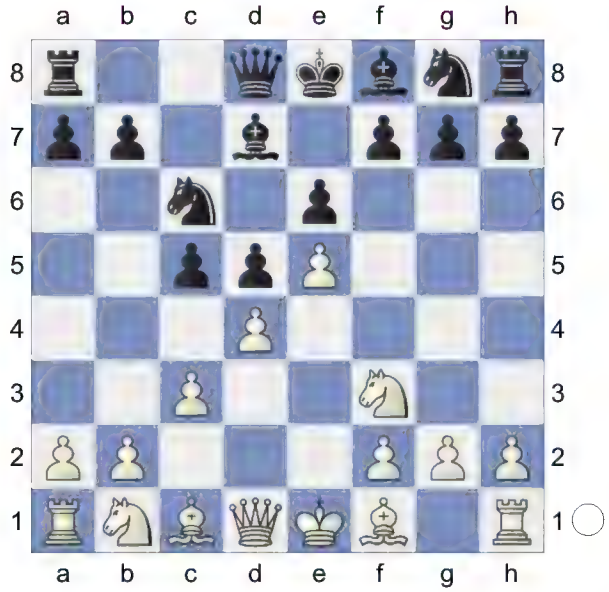
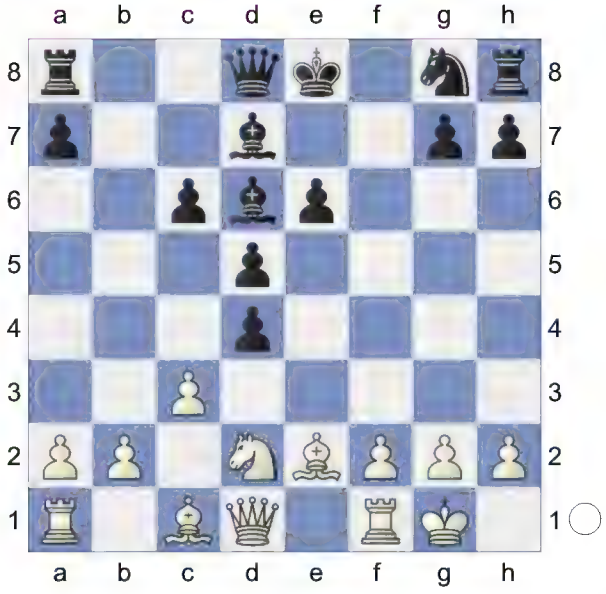
8 **C02**
□ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
■ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (2.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C02: French: Advance Variation **1.e4** 3 **e6** 6 **2.d4** 5 **d5** 4 **3.e5** 4 **c5** 15 **4.c3** 4 **Nc6** 1:41 **5.Nf3** 7 **Bd7** 4:31

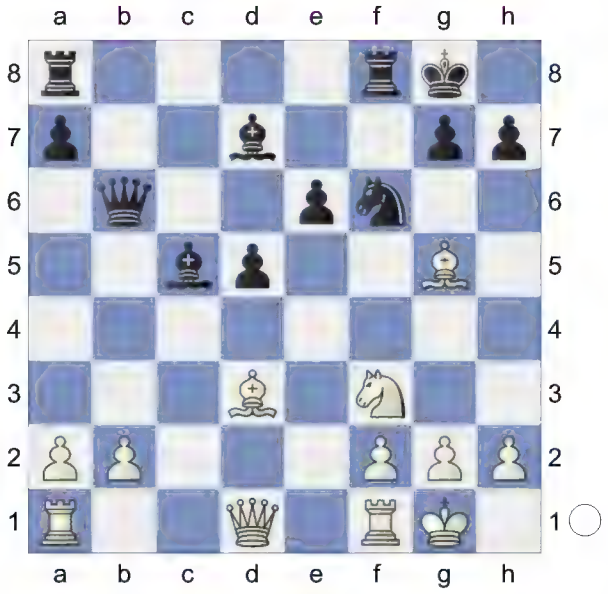


6.Be2 28 **f6** 7 **7.0-0** 32 **fxe5** 6 **8.Nxe5** 6 **Bd6N** 5
[8...Nxe5 9.dxe5 Qc7 10.Re1 *(10.c4 Ne7 11.Nc3 d4 12.Ne4 Qxe5 13.Re1 0-0-0 14.Bf3 Re8 15.b4 cxb4 16.a3 Nc6 17.axb4 Bxb4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Kc7 20.Reb1 d3 21.Nc3 Rb8 22.Nb5+ Kd8 23.Qxd3 Ke7 24.Qa3+ Kf6* ½-½ Nedev,T (2586)-Vienna Variation, W (2479) 120/144 Wijk aan Zee 2014 (7)) 10...0-0-0 11.Bf1 Ne7 12.a4 *(12.Nd2 Nf5 13.Nf3 Be7 14.b4 Kb8 15.Rb1 Rhf8 16.bxc5 Bxc5 17.Re2 Bb6 18.Ba3 Qxc3 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Rc2 Qa3 21.Bb5 Bxb5 22.Rxb5 Qa4 23.Rb1 Qf4 24.Qd2 Ne3 25.Rb4 Nc4 26.Qxf4 Rxf4* ½-½ Ding,L (2811)-Erigaisi,A (2722) Danzhou 13th rapid 2022 (3)) 12...Nc6 *(12...Nf5 13.Na3 c4 14.b4 cxb3 15.Qxb3 Bc5 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.axb5 Rhf8 18.Qa2 Kb8 19.Ba3 Bb6 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Rac1 Nh6 22.Rc2 Ng4 23.Ree2 Nxe5 24.h3 Rf6 25.Qa4 g5 26.g3 h5 27.c4* 0-1 Moussard,J (2654)-Erigaisi,A (2710) Biel Rapid 56th 2023 (5)) 13.Na3 a6 14.Bg5 Re8 15.c4 d4 16.Bd2 Be7 17.Nb5 Qb8 18.f4 g5 19.Ra3 Ref8 20.g3 gxf4 21.Bxf4 axb5 22.axb5 Nb4 23.Qd2 1-0 Papadiamandis,E (2323)-Ioannidis, E (2473) Reykjavik op 2023 (8)]
[8...cxd4 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Qxd4 Nf6 11.Bf4 Be7 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Qe5 Ne8 14.Qe3 Qb6 15.Nb3 Nd6 16.Rad1 Nf5 17.Qd2 Bf6 18.c4 a5 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Rc1 Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Nxa5 Qxb2 23.Bd3 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2734)-Martinovic,S (2542) TCh-AUT 2023-24 Austria AUT (9.2)]
9.Nxc6 15:55 **bxc6** 41 **10.Nd2** 36 **cxd4** 6:13



White is slightly better. **11.cxd4** 10 **Nf6** 6 **12.Nf3** 2:26 **0-0** 28 **13.Bd3** 2:21 **c5**

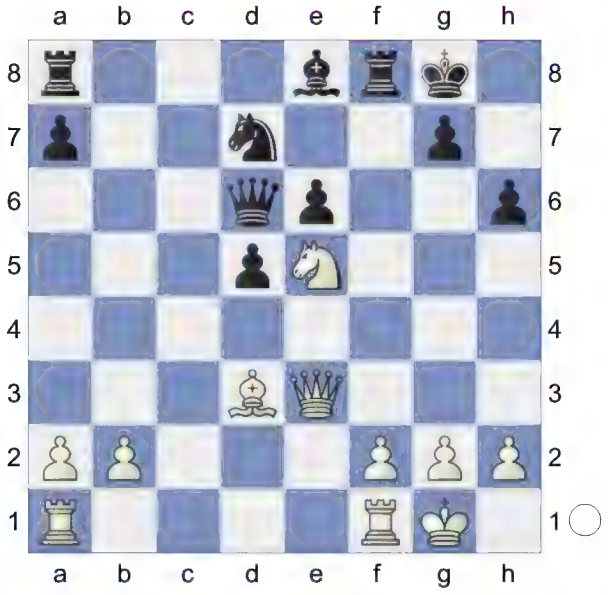
4:59 **14.dxc5** 5:14 **Bxc5** 6 **15.Bg5** 9:44 **Qb6** 9:32



16.Qe2 4:13 **h6** 4:19 **17.Bd2** 7:00 **Qd6** 44:18 **18.Ne5** 7:34 Wards off Ng4

[18.Rac1 seems wilder. Ng4 19.h3 Rxf3 20.hxg4 Rh3 21.gxh3 Qg3+ 22.Kh1]

18...Be8 1:24 **19.Be3** 11:11 **Bxe3** 2:29 **20.Qxe3** 20 **Nd7** 23



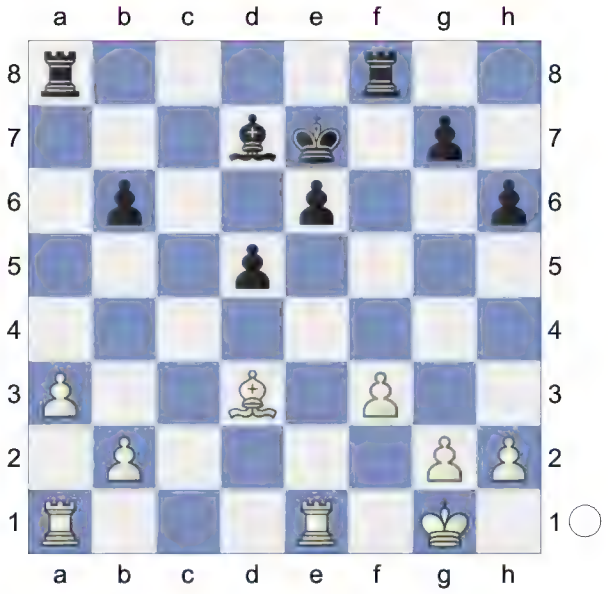
21.Nxd7 2:57 **Bxd7** 5 **22.Rfe1** 33 **Qb6** 2:24

[22...a5 is interesting. 23.Rac1 a4 24.Bb1 Rab8]

23.Qxb6 3:42

[23.Qd2 keeps more tension. a5 24.Rac1 Rac8 25.Rc3]

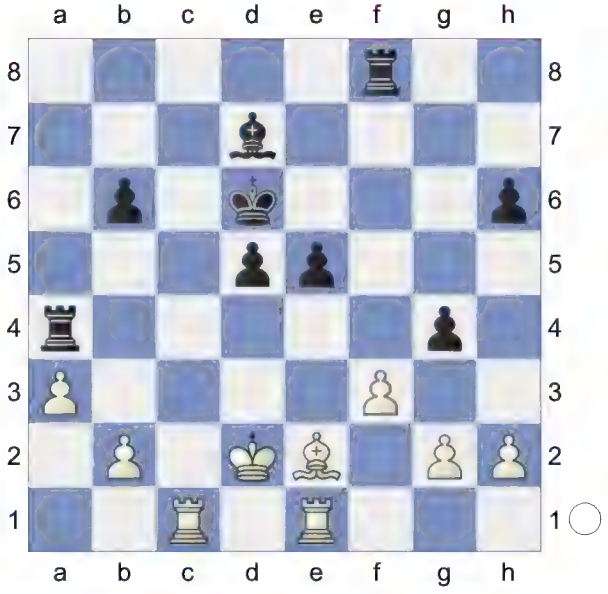
23...axb6 3 **24.a3** 2 **Kf7** 1:28 **25.f3** 8:58 **Ke7** 3:46



26.Kf2 21 **g5** 10 **27.Ke3** 52 **e5** 1:21 **28.Kd2** 34 **Kd6** 7 **29.Rac1** -1.18/20 35 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.

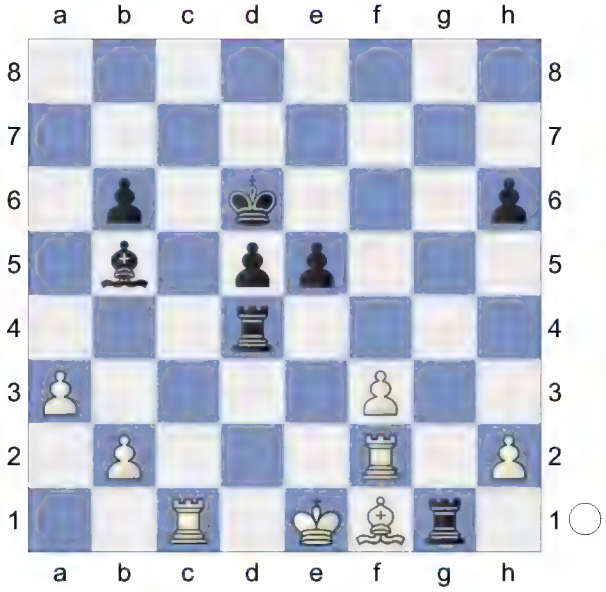
[29.h3∓ -0.68/18]

29...g4∓ 59 **30.Be2** 27 **Ra4** 2:39

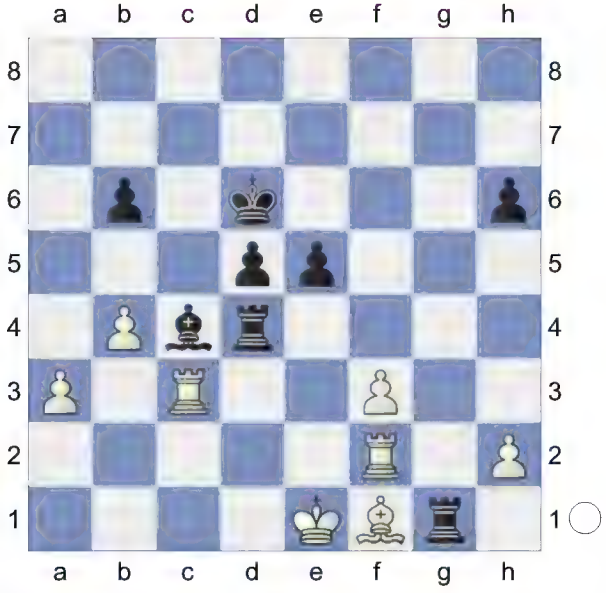


31.Rf1 3:24 **Rd4+** 1:09 **32.Ke1** 1:02 **gxf3** 1:02 **33.gxf3** 8 **Rg8** 18 Repels Rg1. Black is more active.

34.Rf2 -2.53/22 4:33
[34.Rc3∓ -1.41/20 is a better defense.]
34...Rg1+ 1:20 **35.Bf1** -2.61/20 53
[⌓35.Rf1 -1.94/21 Rg2 36.Rc3]
35...Bb5-+ 1:51



36.b4? -4.30/23 2:24
[36.Ra1 -2.63/19 might work better.]
36...Ba6 2:14 **37.Rc3** 1:46 **Bc4** 2:57



...b5 would now be deadly. Black is clearly winning. **38.Rcc2** 2:31 **b5** 28 **39.Rc1** 5 **h5** 40 **40.Ra1** 21 **Ke6** 1:27
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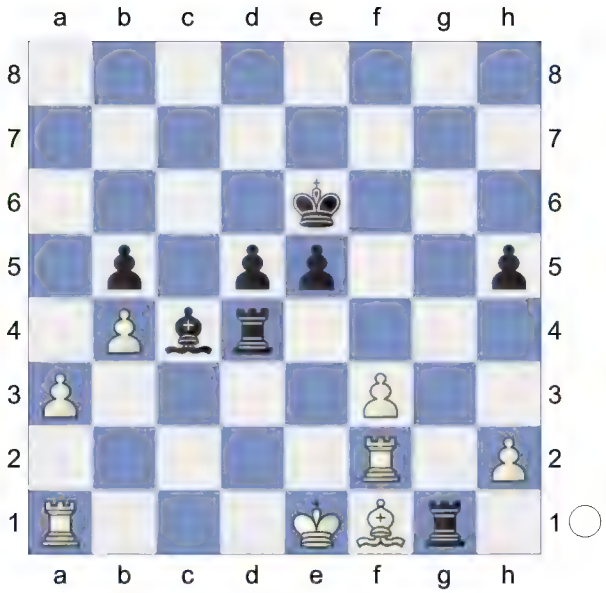
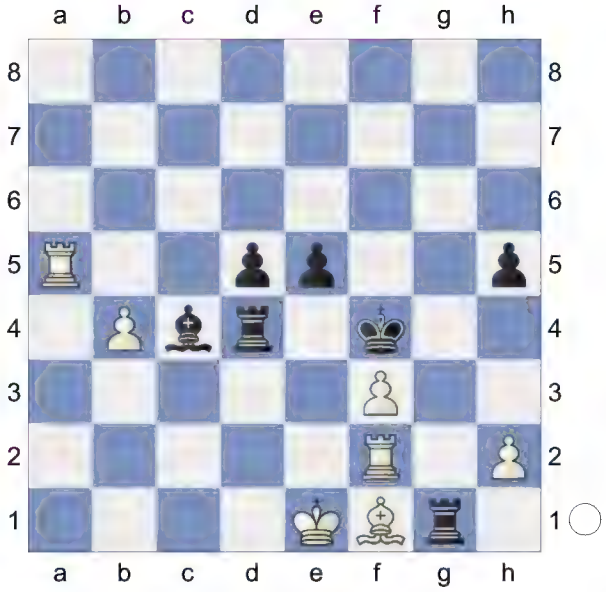


41.a4 1:00 **bxa4** 5 **42.Rxa4** 7 **Kf5** 1:22 **43.Ra5** 4:20 **Kf4** 1:15



aiming for ...Rd3. **44.b5** 3 **Rd3** 38 **45.b6** 1:17 **Rb3** 28

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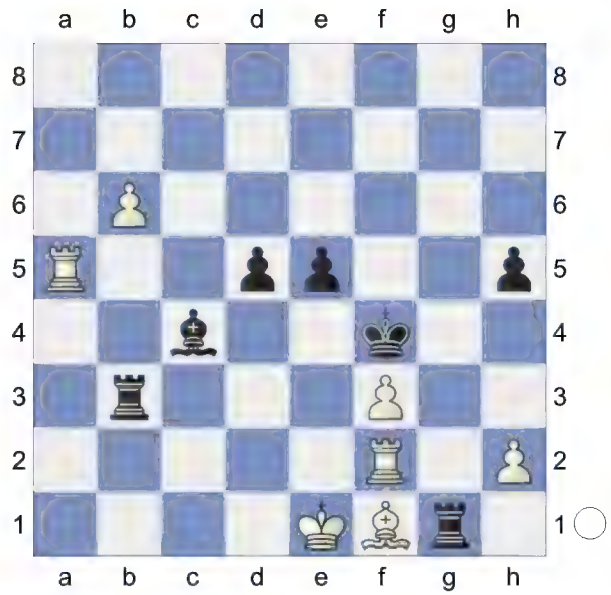

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9 **D02**
□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
■ **Maurizzi,Marc`Andria** **2581**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (2.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.Nf3** 10 **d5** 5 **2.g3** 9 **Nf6** 13 **3.Bg2** 8 **e6** 1:31:42 **4.0-0** 1:06 **c5** 0
[4...Be7 5.d3 b6 6.Nbd2 Bb7 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Nc6 9.a3 a5 10.e5 Nd7 11.Re1 Nc5 12.Qe2 0-0 13.h4 h6 14.Nf1 a4 15.N1h2 Qc8 16.Ng4 Rd8 17.Nxh6+ gxh6 18.Bxh6 f5 19.exf6 1-0 Nakamura,H (2785)-Bacrot,E (2708) Paris GCT Rapid 2017 (4)]
[4...b6 5.b3 Bb7 6.Bb2 Nbd7 7.d4 Bd6 8.c4 0-0 9.Ne5 Qe7 10.Nd2 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Ndf3 Rfe8 13.e3 Rac8 14.Rc1 Ne4 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 c4 18.e4 c3 19.Rxc3 0-1 Jimenez,J (2195)-Rosen,E (2356) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (1)]
5.b3 4:37 **Nc6** 0

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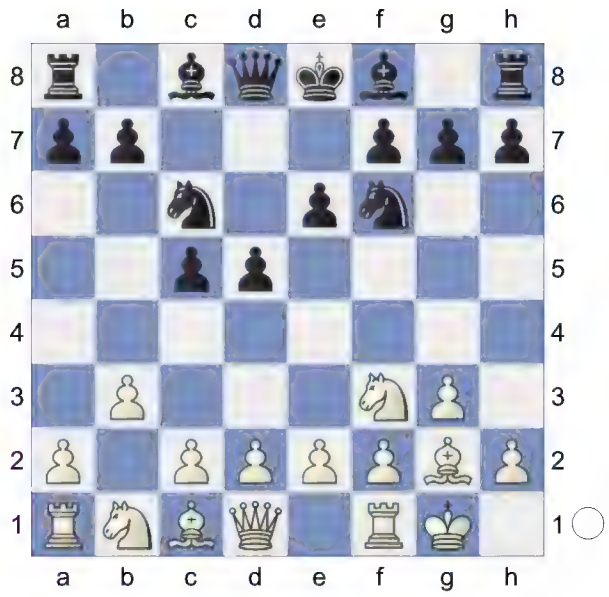

6.d4N 5:24
[6.Bb2 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbd2 d4 *(8...Qc7 9.h3 b5 10.a4 b4 11.e4 Ba6 12.Re1 Nd7 13.Nh2 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.f4 Rad8 16.Ng4 Nxg4 17.Qxg4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 f5 19.Qh5 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Nd4 21.Rac1 Rf5 22.Qg4 Bb7 23.Re3* 0-1 Ozols,K-Zirnis,A Latvian Exiles 5254 corr 1952 *e5)* 9.e4 dxe3 10.fxe3 Nd5 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nc4 Nd5 14.Qd2 Qc7 15.e4 Nb6 16.Ne3 Nd4 17.Nh4 Nd7 18.c3 Nc6 19.Qe2 Nde5 20.Rad1 Rd8 1-0 Kwiecien,Z (1937)-Marusenko,P (2075) Polanica Zdroj op-C 58th 2022 (4)]
6...Be7 0 **7.Bb2** 45 **0-0** 0 **8.dxc5** 5:05 **Bxc5** 0 **9.c4** 4:37 **d4** 0

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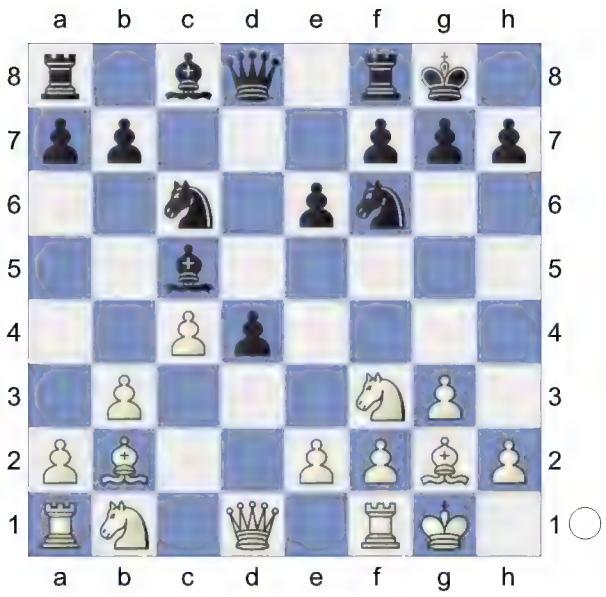
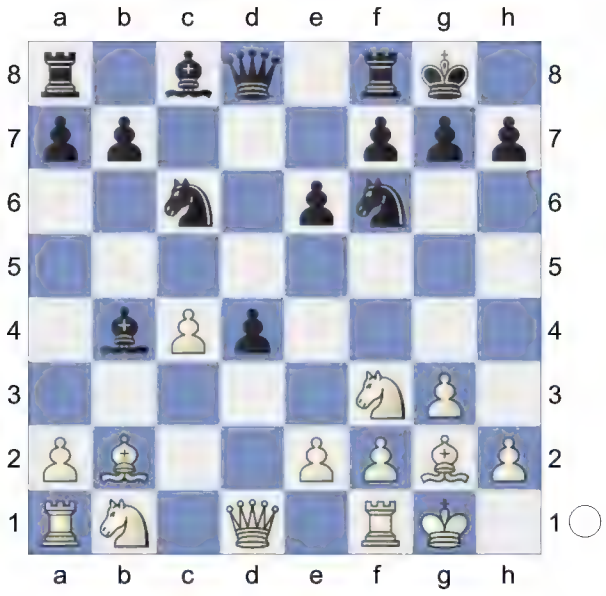
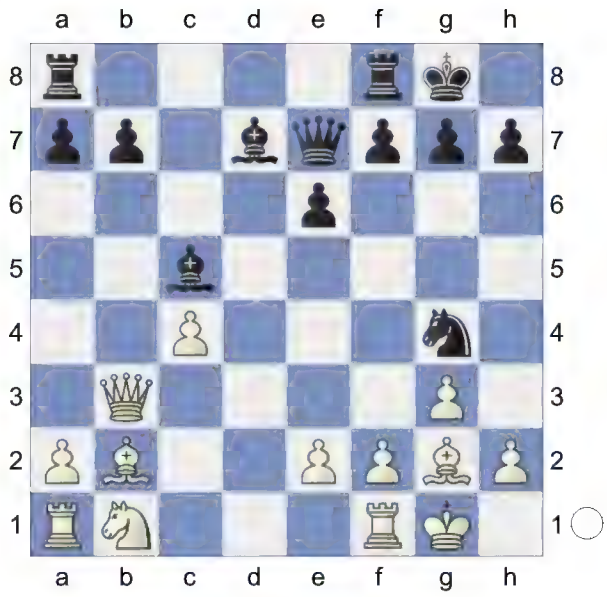


10.b4! 7:07 Deflection **10...Bxb4** 0
[10...Nxb4 11.Nxd4]

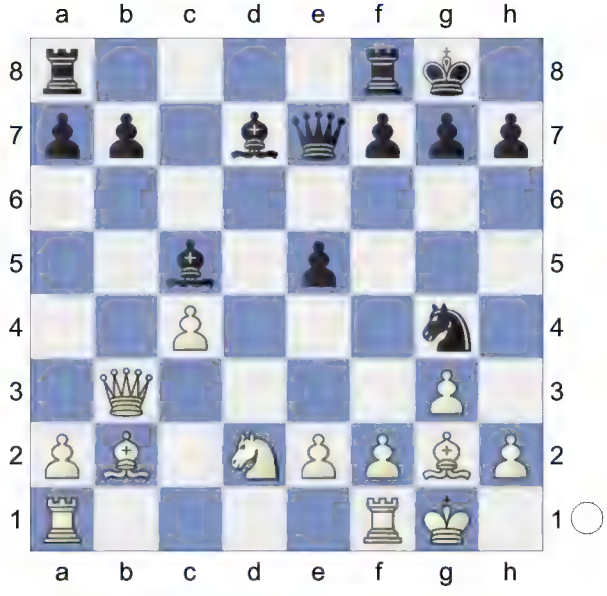


11.Nxd4 10 **Nxd4** 0 **12.Bxd4** 2:05 **Qe7** 0 **13.Qb3** 7:19 **Bc5** 0 **14.Be5** 7:22 **Ng4** 0 **15.Bb2** 7:30 **Bd7** 0

(Diagram)

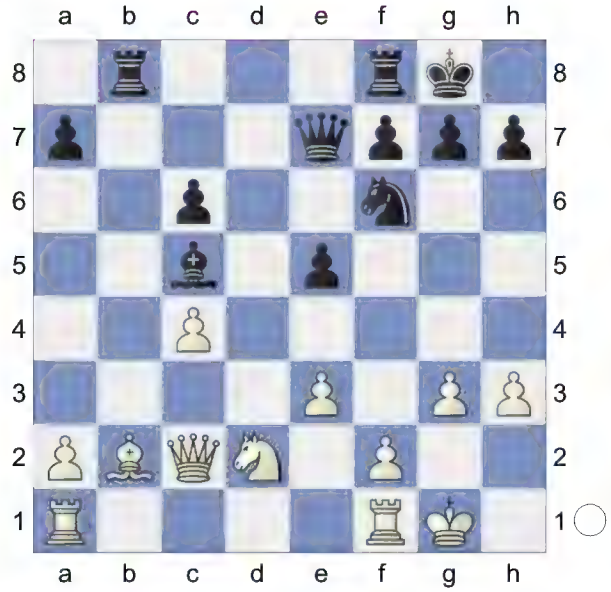


16.Nd2 4:47
[16.Bxb7? too greedy. Rab8 17.Qf3 f5-+ *(17...Bxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Nxf2 19.Ba3∓)*]
16...e5 0.71/18 0
[16...Rfd8± 0.34/17]

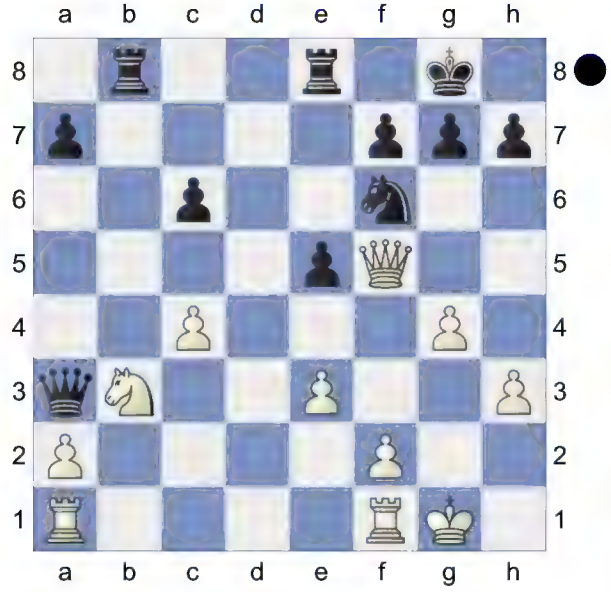


17.e3 0.08/17 10:41
[Don't play 17.Bxb7 Nxf2 18.Rxf2 Rab8∓]
[White should try 17.Ne4!± 0.71/18 Strongly threatening Nxc5! Bc6 18.Nxc5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qxc5 20.h3]

17...Bc6= 0 The position is equal.
18.Bxc6 5:01 **bxc6** 0 **19.h3** 1:23 **Rab8** 0 **20.Qc2** 38 **Nf6** 0



21.Nb3 40 **Ba3** 0 **22.Bxa3** 2:34 **Qxa3** 0
23.Qf5 56 **Rfe8** 0 **24.g4** -0.38/20 2:02
[24.Nd2= 0.16/21]



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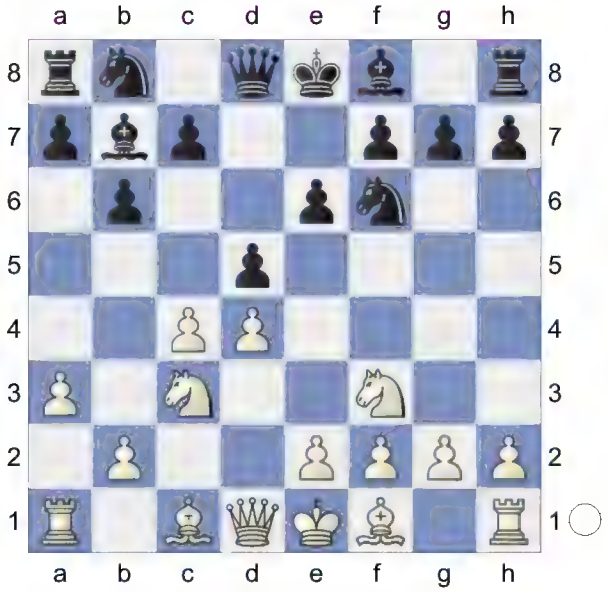
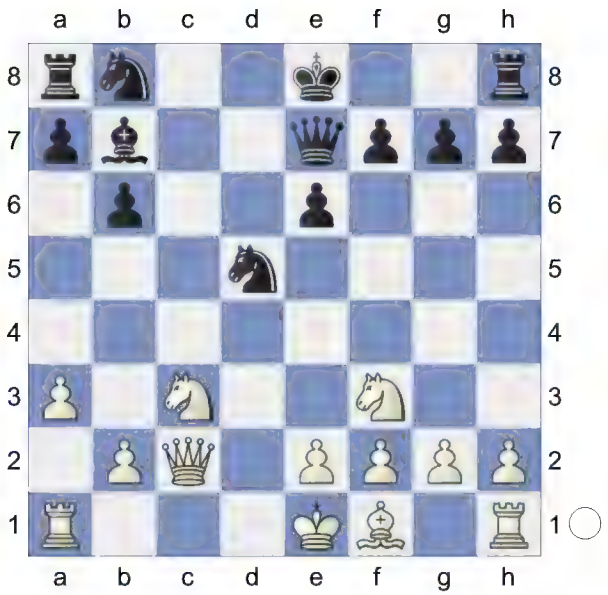
10 **E12**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
■ **Moussard,Jules** **2595**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (2.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 RR: 'Inf 44/(636)' **1.d4** 3 **Nf6** 9 **2.c4** 5 **e6** 6 **3.Nf3** 9 **b6** 3:09 **4.Nc3** 51 **Bb7** 45 **5.a3** 7 **d5** 27

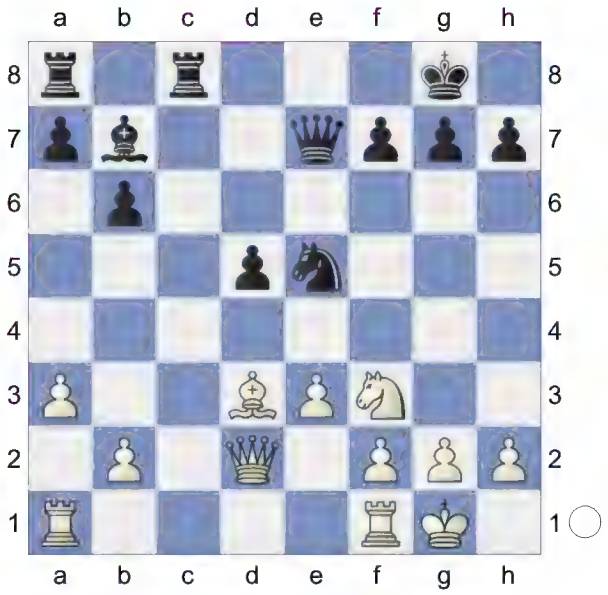


6.Qc2 7 **c5** 8:54 **7.cxd5** 4:48 **Nxd5** 3:19 **8.dxc5** 26 **Bxc5** 17:24 **9.Bg5** 25 **Be7** 8:42 **10.Bxe7** 18:46 **Qxe7** 15:12

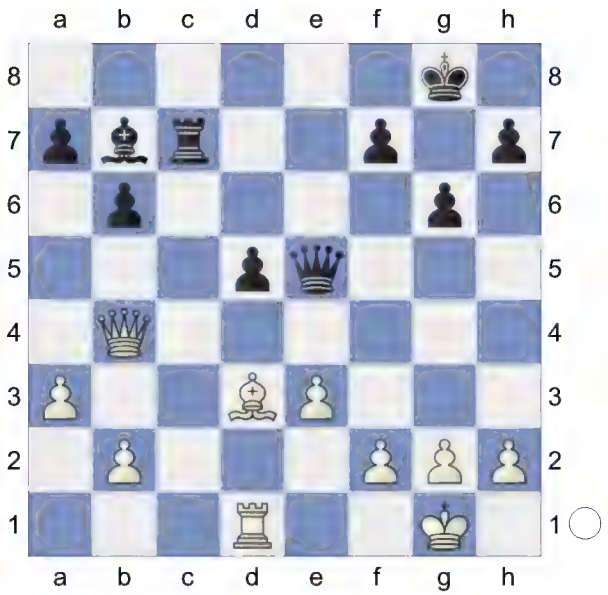
(Diagram)



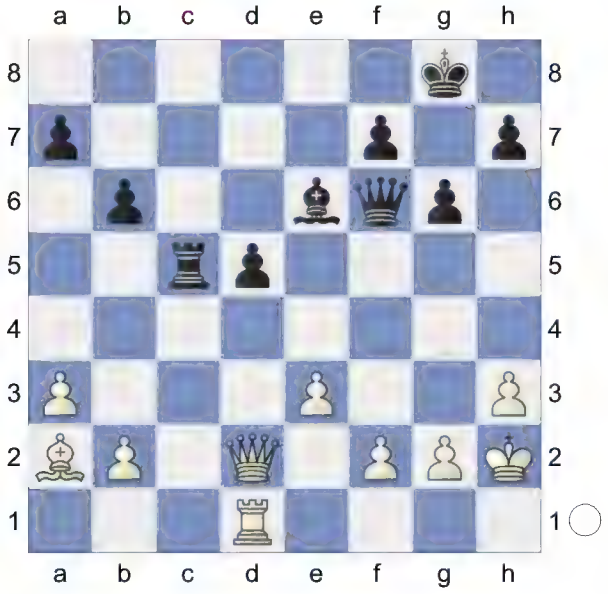
11.Nxd5 7:23 **exd5** 1:03 **12.e3** 26:03 **0-0** 17 **13.Bd3** 2 **Rc8** 2:37 **14.Qd2N** 13
[14.Bxh7+ Kh8 15.Qb1 g6 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Qxg6 Qg7 18.Qh5+ Kg8]
[14.Qe2 Nd7 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Nd4 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Rc5 18.Rfd1 g6 19.Rd2 Rac8 20.Qf1 Qe4 21.Rad1 E 12/91 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008]
14...Nc6 5:59 **15.0-0** 34 **Ne5** 2:51



16.Nxe5 17:14 **Qxe5** 6 **17.Rfc1** 6 **g6** 2:04 **18.Qb4** 6 **Rxc1+** 1:48 **19.Rxc1** 1 **Rc8** 18 **20.Rd1** 4:25 **Rc7** 2:17



21.h3 56 **Bc8** 24 **22.Qd2** 4:07 **Rc5** 40
23.Bb1 1:48 **Be6** 3:19 **24.Ba2** 2:34
Qg5 0.50/19 7:03
[24...Qe4= 0.01/21]
25.Kh2 -0.01/21 8:13
[25.b4± 0.50/19 Rc7 26.b5
(26.Bxd5 Bxh3 27.f4 Qg3=)]
25...Qf6 1:33



26.Kg1 16 **Qg5** 11

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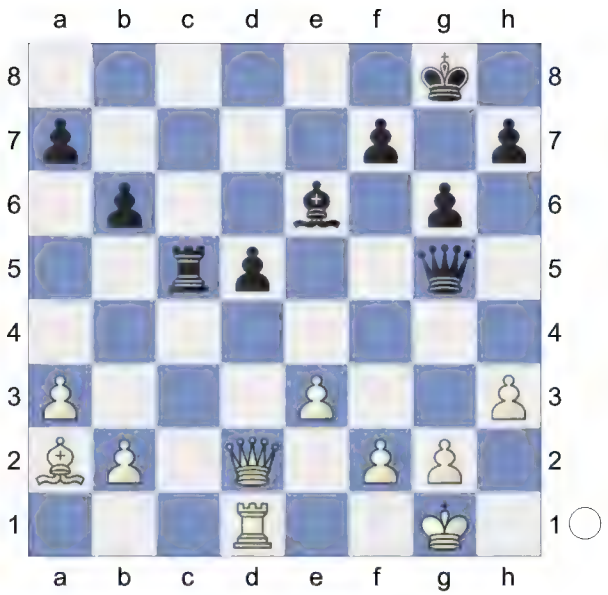
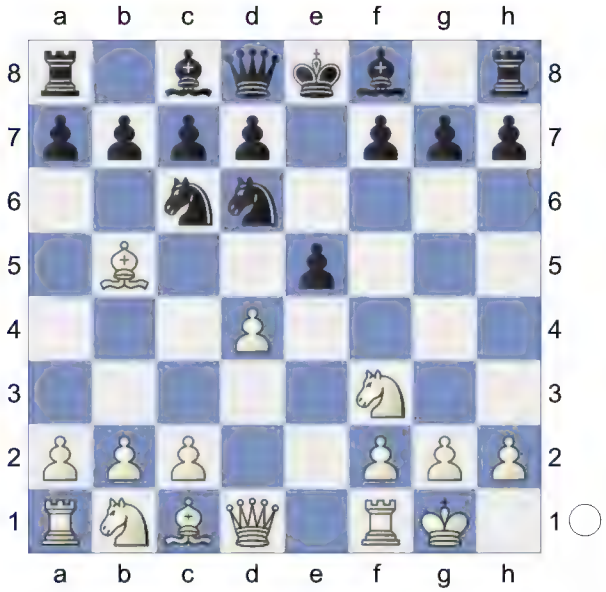


A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

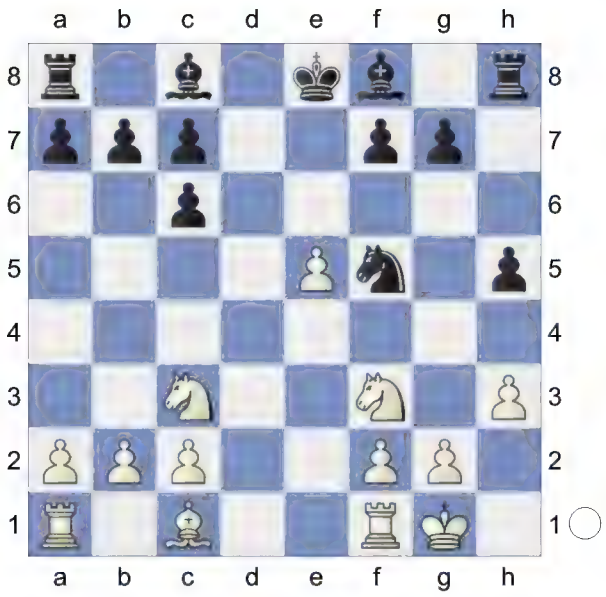
11 **C67**
□ **Moussard,Jules** **2595**
■ **Navara,David** **2677**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 Sagar Shah: 'We are now into the final leg of the match. With eight games completed, the score stands at 4.5-3.5 in favour of Carlsen. Anand's strategy has been pretty simple. He wants to take his chances with the white pieces and wants to hold with black. Even though very few games remain in the match, Anand felt it was not the right moment to press with black. And Magnus was pretty fine with what happened today. Let's have a look at another Berlin. We are now into the final leg of the match. With eight games completed, the score stands at 4.5-3.5 in favour of Carlsen. Anand's strategy has been pretty simple. He wants to take his chances with the white pieces and wants to hold with black. Even though very few games remain in the match, Anand felt it was not the right moment to press with black. And Magnus was pretty fine with what happened today. Let's have a look at another Berlin. Tadic,Branko: 'There are just 4 games to go until the end of the match and with 4 draws Carlsen would protect his WCC title thanks to his 1-point lead. Both players are clearly a bit tired, but usually we see Carlsen in very good physical condition and playing every game until the end. What we are going to see in the current game is the opposite. Clearly Carlsen decided to just take a "rest day" and focus on defending with the black pieces in the next game. We will see a short and very boring draw, but an important one for the theory of the Berlin. Anand seems to close one of the lines here.' Arkadij Naiditsch: 'There are just 4 games to go until the end of the match and with 4 draws Carlsen would protect his WCC title thanks to his 1-point lead. Both players are clearly a bit tired, but usually we see Carlsen in very good physical condition and playing every game until the end. What we are going to see in the current game is the opposite. Clearly Carlsen decided to just take a "rest day" and focus on defending with the black pieces in the next game. We will see a short and very boring draw, but an important one for the theory of the Berlin. Anand seems to close one of the lines here." **1.e4** 3:04 **e5** 11 **2.Nf3** 8 **Nc6** 5 **3.Bb5** 8 **Nf6** 4 **4.0-0** 35 **Nxe4** 4 **5.d4** 6 **Nd6** 6



6.Bxc6 10 **dxc6** 10 **7.dxe5** 4 **Nf5** 13 **8.Qxd8+** 9 **Kxd8** 7 **9.Nc3** 10 **Ke8** 3:05 **10.h3** 1:00 **h5** 8

(Diagram)



11.Ne2 1:04 **b6** 4:05 **12.Rd1** 2:00 **Be7** 5:47 White has an edge.

[12...Ba6 13.Nf4 Bb7 14.e6 Bd6 15.exf7+ Kxf7 16.Ng5+ Kf6 17.Ne4+ Kf7 18.Ng5+ Kf6 19.Ne4+ Kf7 20.Ng5+ ½-½ Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2792) WCh 2014 Sochi (9)]

[12...Bb7 13.Ned4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Be7 15.Nf5 Rg8 16.Bf4 g5 17.Bh2 c5 18.e6 fxe6 19.Nxe7 Kxe7 20.Bxc7 Rac8 21.Be5 Be4 22.Rd2 Rcd8 23.Re2 Bf5 24.f3 h4 25.Rae1 Rd7 ½-½ Stevic,H (2565)-Brkic,A (2602) BIH-chT 20th Neum 2022 (7.1)]

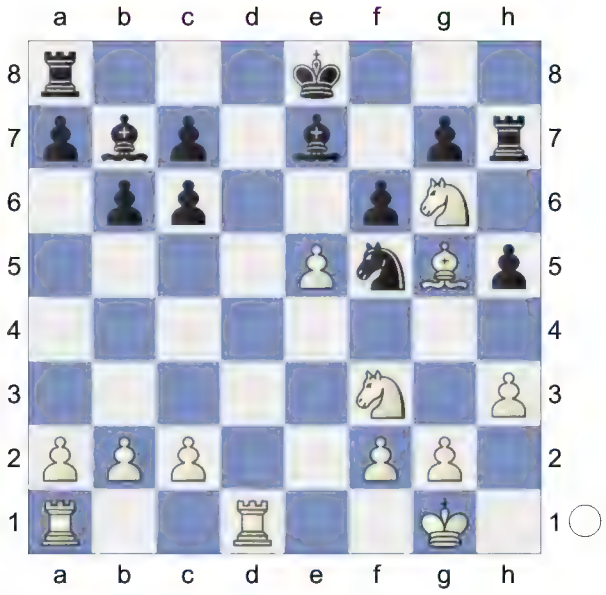
13.Bg5 2:49 **Bb7** 7:41 **14.Nf4N** 23:49

[14.Bxe7 simplifies Kxe7 15.Nf4 *(15.Ned4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 c5 17.Nb5 Rhc8 18.f4 Bc6 19.Nc3 Ke6 20.Kf2 h4 21.a4 Kf5 22.Ke3 Re8 23.Nd5 Rac8 24.Rd2 f6 25.Rf1 fxe5 26.fxe5+ Kg5 27.Nc3 Rxe5+ 28.Kf2 Rf8+ 29.Kg1 Rxf1+* Model Games-Vachier Lagrave,M *30.Kxf1 Rf5+ 31.Kg1 Rf4 32.Re2 Kf6 33.b3 a6 34.Nd1 Bd5 35.c4 Be6 36.a5 Rd4 37.Nf2 Bf5 38.Ra2 Rd6 39.Kf1 Ke5 40.Re2+ Kf4 41.Ra2 g5 42.Ke1 Re6+ 43.Kf1 Re3* 0-1 Vachier Lagrave,M (2773)-Giri,A (2784) London Classic 7th Tiebreak rapid 2015 (1.1)) 15...c5 16.Ng5]

14...f6 19:51

[14...c5 simplifies 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5 Rd8]

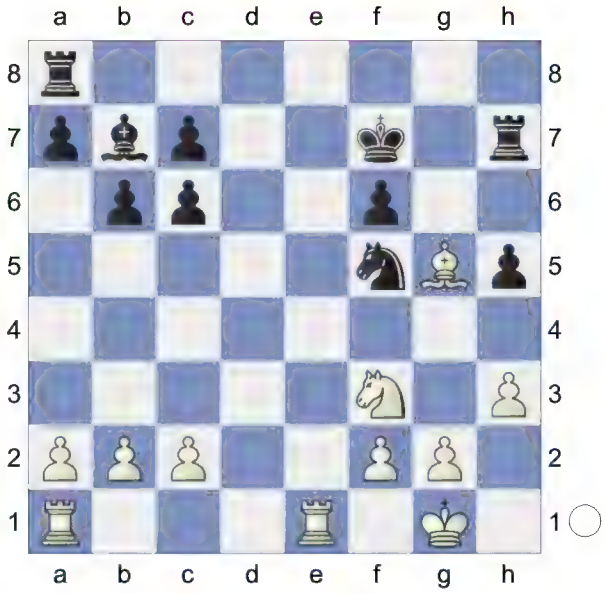
15.Ng6 19:00 **Rh7** 6:32



16.Nxe7 -0.01/23 25:42

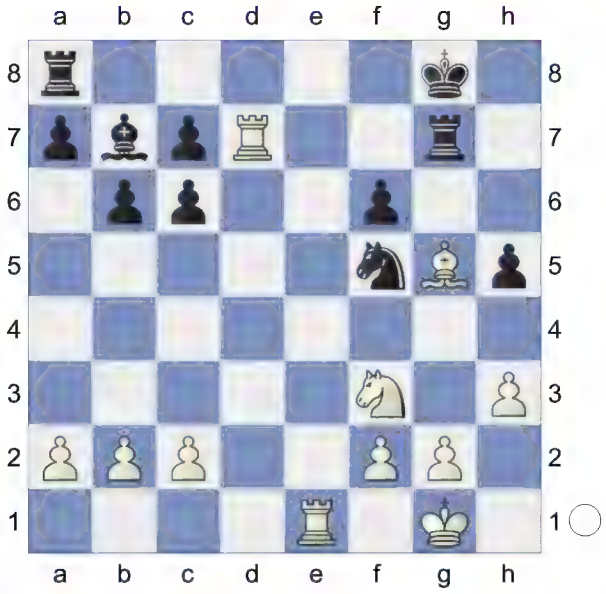
[16.Nfh4± 0.36/19 Nxh4 17.Bxh4]

16...Kxe7= 8 **17.exf6+** 16 **gxf6** 7 **18.Re1+** 15 **Kf7** 27

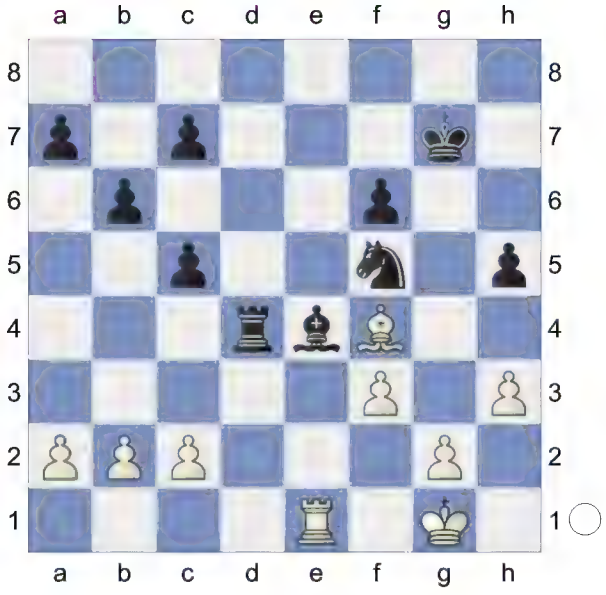


19.Rad1! 18 Repels c5. Threatens to win

with Rd7+. **19...Rg7** 9:41 Black is weak on the dark squares **20.Rd7+** 13 **Kg8** 28



21.Rxg7+ 16 **Kxg7** 21 **22.Bf4** 10 **c5** 21 **23.Nd2** 4:43 **Rd8** 3:02 **24.f3** 1:10 **Rd4** 10:02 **25.Ne4** 13 **Bxe4** 7



26.Rxe4 1:31 Endgame. KRB-KRN **26...Rd1+** 8 **27.Kf2** 2:16 **Rb1** 26 **28.g4** 13

[28.Bxc7 Rxb2 29.Ra4 a5∓ *(29...Rxc2+? 30.Kg1-+)*]

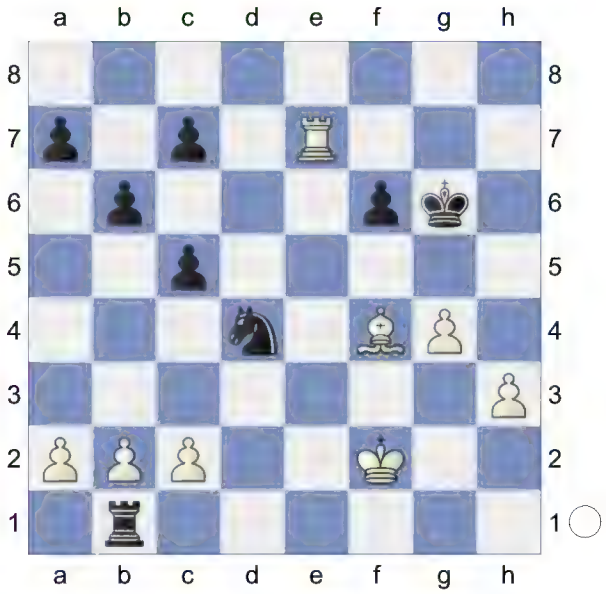
28...hxg4 1:11 **29.fxg4** 24

[29.Bxc7? gxh3 *(29...Rxb2 30.fxg4 Nd4 31.Kg3∓)* 30.b3 Rb2-+]

[29.hxg4 Nd4 30.Be3 *(30.Bxc7? Rxb2 31.Kg3 Rxc2∓)* 30...Rxb2 31.Bxd4 Rxc2+ *(31...cxd4 32.Rxd4 Rxc2+ 33.Kg3∓)* 32.Ke3 cxd4+ 33.Rxd4 Kg6∓ *(33...Rxa2 34.Rd7+ Kg6 35.Rxc7∓)*]

29...Nd4 6:10 **30.Re7+** 5 **Kg6?** 1.69/23 20

[30...Kg8= -0.01/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]



31.h4+- 2:58

[31.Bxc7 Rxb2 *(31...Nxc2? 32.h4+-)* 32.h4 f5 *(32...Nxc2? 33.h5+ Kg5 34.Kg3+-; 32...Rxc2+ 33.Kf1=; 32...Rxa2 33.h5+ Kg5 34.Rg7+ Kh6 35.Rg6+ Kh7 36.Rxf6±)* 33.h5+ Kf6=]

[31.Rxc7? Ne6 *(31...Nxc2? 32.h4+-)* 32.Rxa7 Nxf4-+]

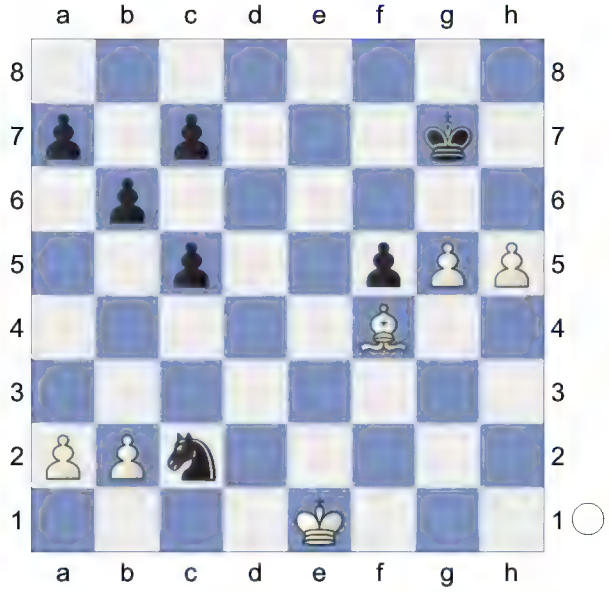
31...f5 5 **32.h5+!** 1:23

[32.Bxc7 fxg4 *(32...Nxc2? 33.h5+ Kg5 34.Rg7+ Kf6 35.Rg6+ Kf7 36.g5+-)* 33.b3 Rb2= *(33...Nxc2 34.Re4=)*]

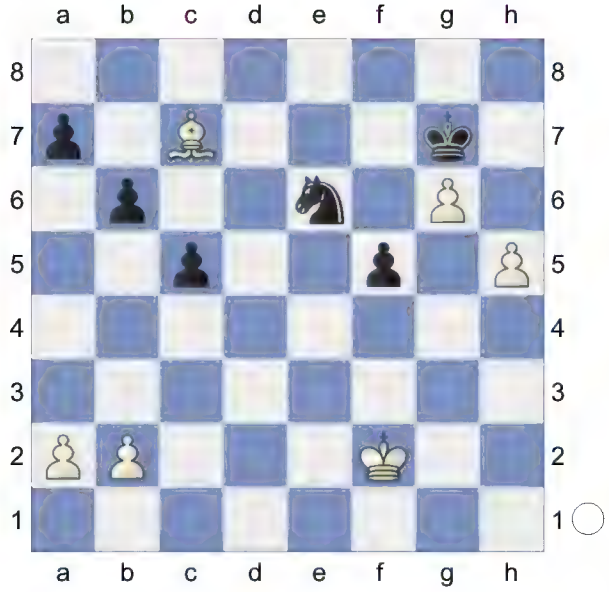
32...Kf6 5 **33.Re1** 40

[33.Rxc7 fxg4 34.h6 *(34.Rxa7 Rxb2 35.h6 Rxc2+ 36.Kg3 Ne2+*

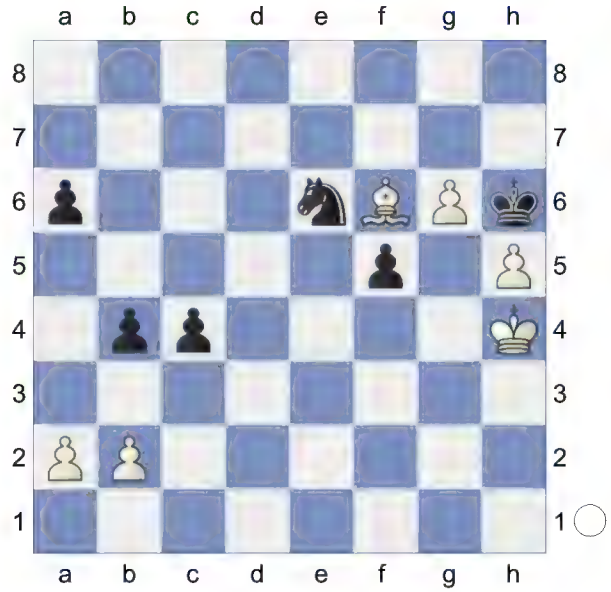
37.Kxg4 Nxf4±) 34...Ne6=]
33...Rxe1 8:40 **34.g5+** 3 **Kg7** 9
35.Kxe1 4 **Nxc2+** 3.26/26 14
[35...c6 1.80/22 is a better defense. 36.c4 Ne6]



KB-KN **36.Kf2** 49 **Nd4** 1:02 **37.Be5+** 2:46 **Kh7** 11 **38.g6+** 4:27
[38.Bxc7 Ne6 39.g6+ Kh6±]
38...Kh6 5 **39.Bf4+** 3
[39.Bxc7 Ne6 40.Be5 b5+-]
[39.g7 Kh7±]
39...Kg7 7 **40.Bxc7** 6 **Ne6** 32



41.Bb8 3 **Kh6** 59 **42.Be5!** 3:31
[42.Bxa7 b5±]
42...b5 4:33 **43.Kg3** 1:01 aiming for Kh4. **43...c4?** 3.23/25 3:07
[43...Kxh5? 44.g7 Nxg7 45.Bxg7+-]
[43...a5± 1.38/22 keeps fighting. 44.Kh4 c4]
44.Kh4? 0.82/26 1:57
[44.a3+- 3.23/25 and the rest is easy.]
44...b4± 2:01 **45.Bf6** 3 **a6?** 3.31/25 4:47
[Better is 45...a5!± 0.69/24]



46.Be5+- 25 **a5** 6

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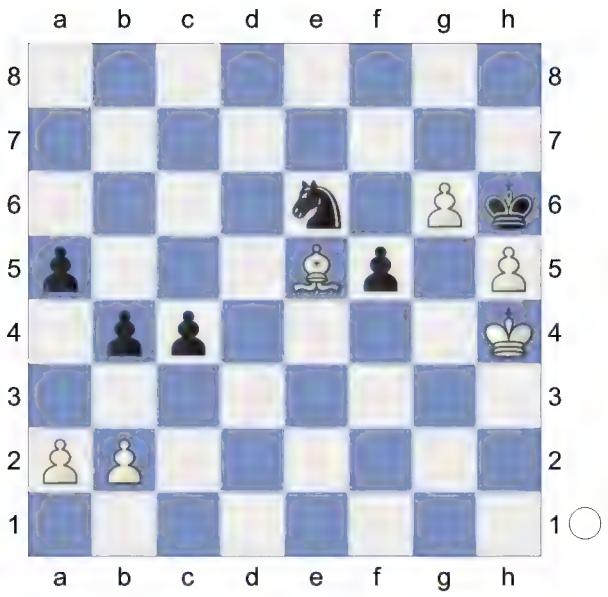
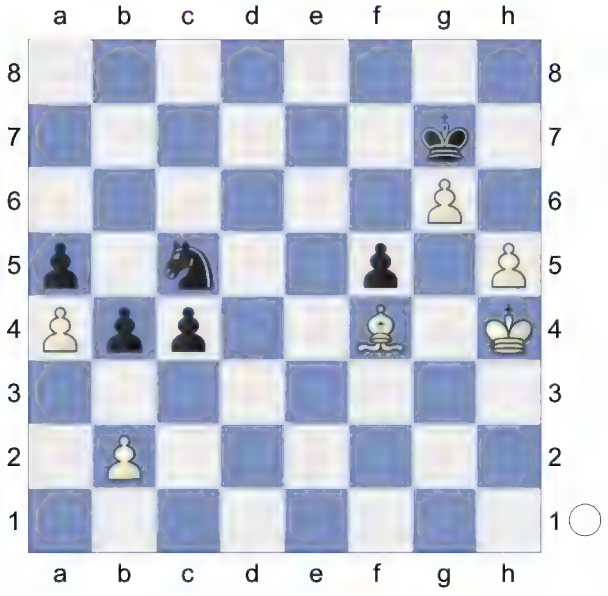
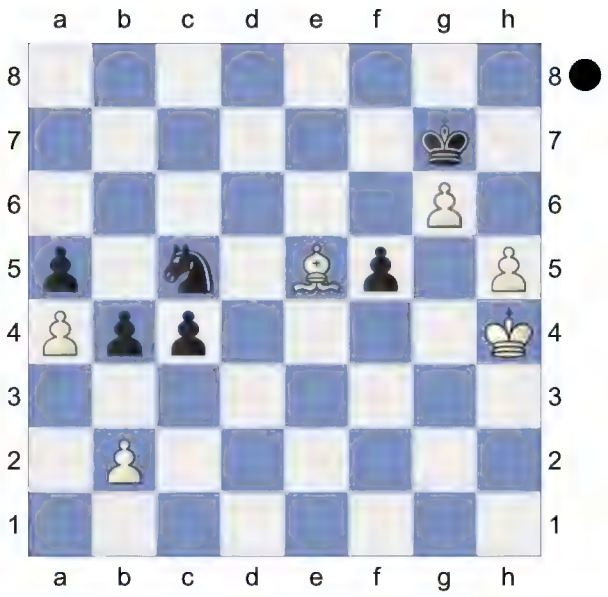


47.a4! 26 **Nc5** 1.91/24 3:35
[⌓47...f4 3.33/24 48.Kg4 b3]
48.Bf4+ 1:02 **Kg7** 5 **49.Be5+?** 0.01/14 1
[But not 49.Kg5? Ne6+ 50.Kxf5 Nxf4 51.Kxf4 c3 52.bxc3 b3-+]
[49.Bc7+- 2.66/26 Ne4 50.Bxa5]
49...Kh6= 7 **50.Bf4+** 1:02 **Kg7** 6



51.Be5+? 0.01/46 20
[51.Kg5 Ne6+ 52.Kxf5 Nxf4 53.Kxf4 c3 54.bxc3 b3-+]
[51.Bc7!+- 2.21/25 Ne4 52.Bxa5]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.35
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12 **B56**
□ **Maurizzi,Marc`Andria** **2581**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (3.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
B56: Classical Sicilian: Unusual Lines
GM Petar Arnaudov: 'In this game, we will analyze one of the most topical systems in the positions with "a7-a5"'
1.e4 56 **c5** 7 **2.Nf3** 4 **d6** 4 **3.d4** 14 **cxd4** 5 **4.Nxd4** 3 **Nf6** 7 **5.Nc3** 1 **a6** 6

6.Nb3 3:21 **Nc6** 1:44 **7.Be3** 43 **e6** 49 **8.g4** 4:03 **b5** 44 **9.g5** 3:25 White has an edge. **9...Nd7** 16 **10.a3N** 2:53
[10.Bg2 Nce5 11.0-0 h6 12.Qh5 Bb7 13.f4 g6 14.Qh3 Nc4 15.f5 Nxe3 16.fxe6 Qxg5 17.exd7+ Ke7 18.Na5 b4 19.Nd5+ Bxd5 20.exd5 Qxg2+ 21.Qxg2 Nxg2 22.Nc6+ Kxd7 23.Rxf7+ Ke8 24.Rb7 1-0 Brodsky,M (2686)-Kavakul,M (2656) 56/279 Tilburg 1992 (1)]
10...Rb8 10:34

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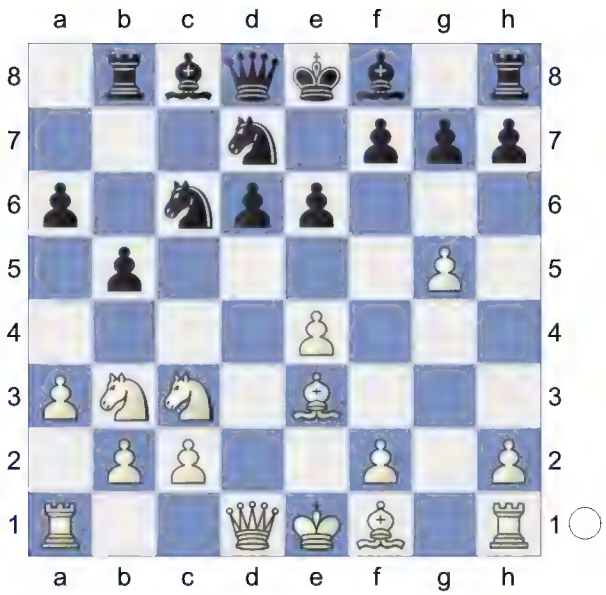
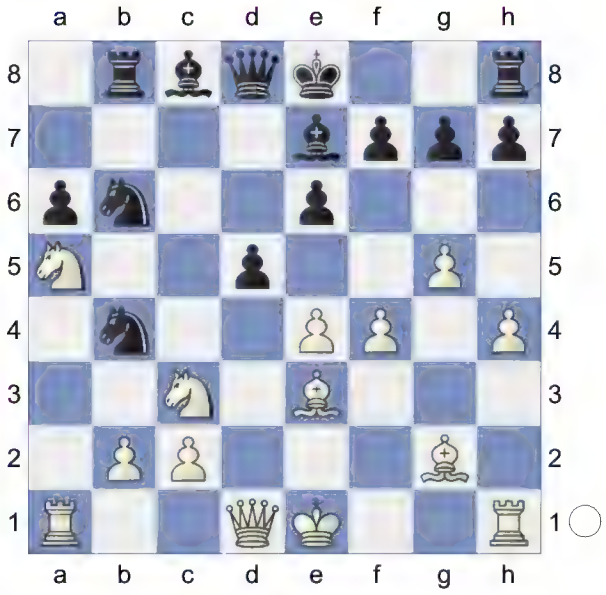


11.h4 5:29 **Be7** 16 **12.f4** 3:58 **b4** 1:38 **13.axb4** 1:49 **Nxb4** 4 **14.Bg2** 0.03/17 3:29
[14.Qd2± 0.47/16 is superior.]
14...Nb6 7:48 **15.Na5!** 6:24 Wards off Nc4 **15...d5** 10:59



16.0-0 7:51 **Qc7** 19:38 **17.f5** 12:03 **0-0** 10:02 **18.f6** 8:15
[18.exd5 N6xd5 19.Bf2 Nf4∓]
18...Bc5 43 **19.Bxc5** 2:27 **Qxc5+** 2 **20.Kh1** 1:08 **g6!** 3:34

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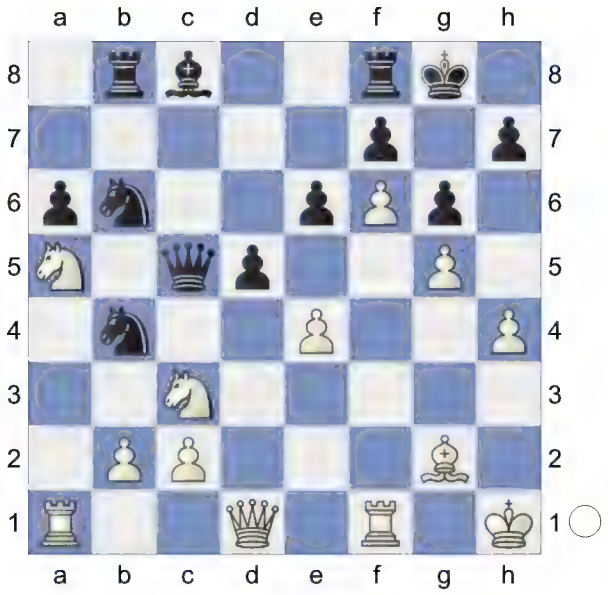
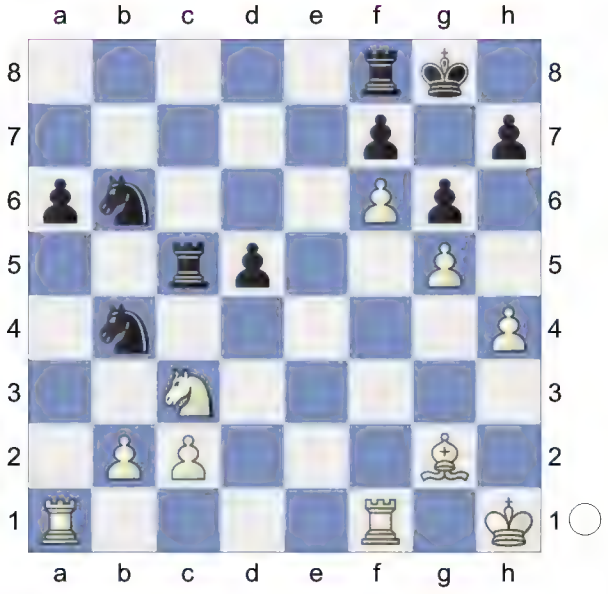


21.Qd2 6:09 **Bb7** 17:19 **22.Nxb7** 6:39 **Rxb7** 10 **23.exd5** 22 **exd5** 2:14 **24.Qf2** 3:10 **Rc7** 15 **25.Qxc5** 7:19 **Rxc5** 2



26.Rf4 46 **a5** 0.84/20 4:39

[26...d4∓ -0.32/20 stays ahead.]

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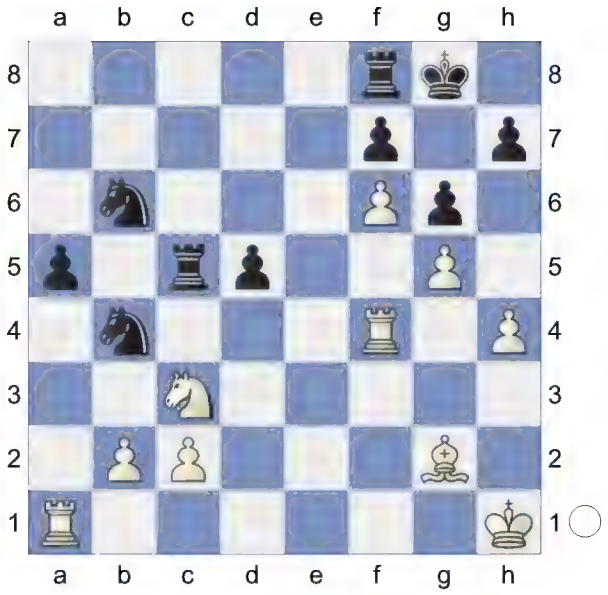
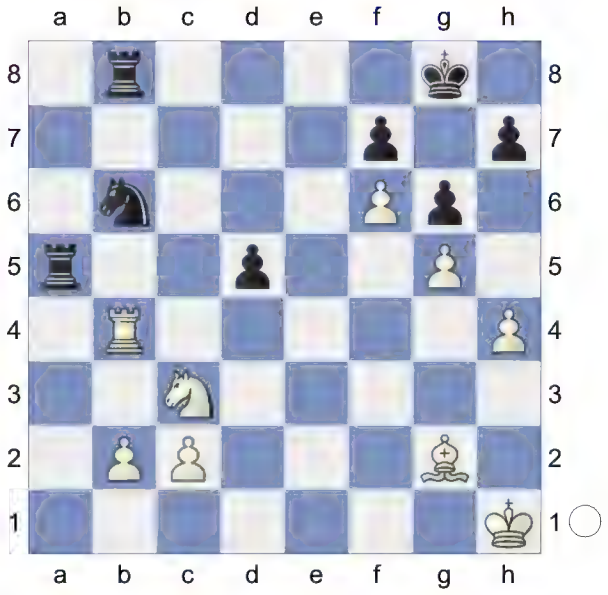


27.Rxa5!± 58 Remove Defender **27...Rxa5** 4 **28.Rxb4** 3 **Rb8** 1.01/22 4:02

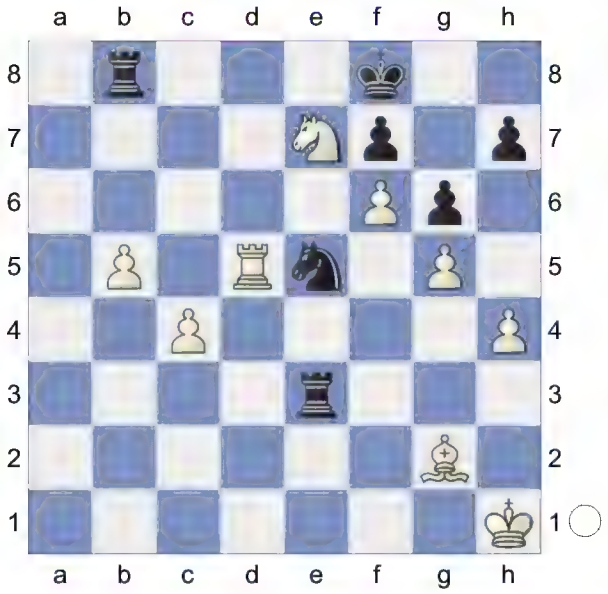
[28...d4!= 0.15/20 remains equal. 29.Rxd4 Rc5]



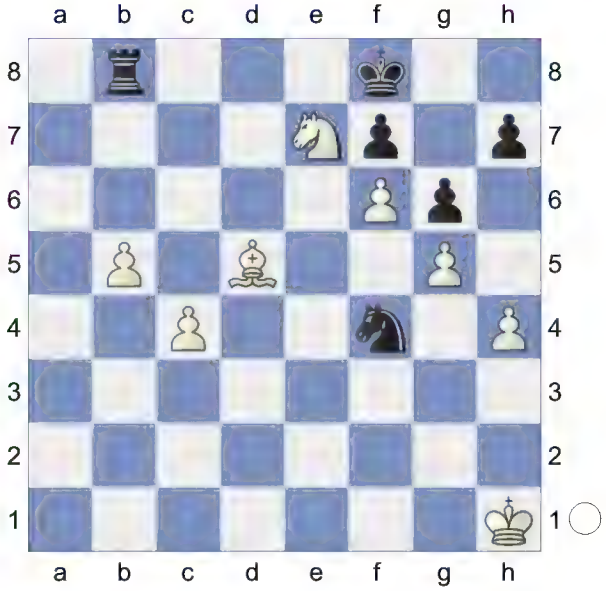
29.Nxd5! 2:05 Pin. White is much more active. **29...Nd7** 1 **30.Rd4** 17 **Kf8** 20

(Diagram)

31.b4 1:26 **Ra3** 17 **32.c4** 1:17 **Ne5** 7
33.b5 1:53 **Rb3** 2.03/22 3:56
Inhibits Nb4.
[33...Ra1+± 1.50/19 keeps fighting. 34.Kh2 Rc1]
34.Ne7+- 3:01 **Rd3?** 4.08/24 1:33
[34...Re8 1.79/20 is a better defense. 35.Bd5 Rb2]
35.Rd5 2.35/23 1:46
[⌓35.Rxd3 4.08/24 Nxd3 36.Kh2]
35...Re3 2:32



36.Rd4 0.01/19 37 Repels Ng4
[36.Bf1+- 2.30/21 aiming for c5. Ng4 37.Rd4 *(37.c5? Re1-+)*]
36...Rd3!= 32 **37.Rd5** 0.01/21 1:46
[37.Rxd3+- 3.85/22 Nxd3 38.Bd5]
37...Re3! 4 **38.Rd4?** -0.01/18 45
[38.Bf1+- 1.97/19 Black must now prevent c5. Re4 39.c5 Rxh4+ 40.Kg2 Rg4+ 41.Kh3 Rxg5 42.c6 Rh5+ 43.Kg3 Rg5+ 44.Kf4 Nxc6 45.bxc6 *(45.Rxg5 Nxe7 46.fxe7+ Kxe7+-; 45.Nxc6? Rxd5 46.Nxb8 Rf5+* Skewer, Double Attack *47.Ke3 Rxf1-+)* 45...Rxd5 46.Nxd5]
38...Rd3! 8 **39.Rxd3** 10 **Nxd3+-** 1
Endgame. KRN-KBN **40.Bd5** 13 **Nf4** 30



41.Bc6 30
[And not 41.Nc6 Re8=]
41...Rd8 41

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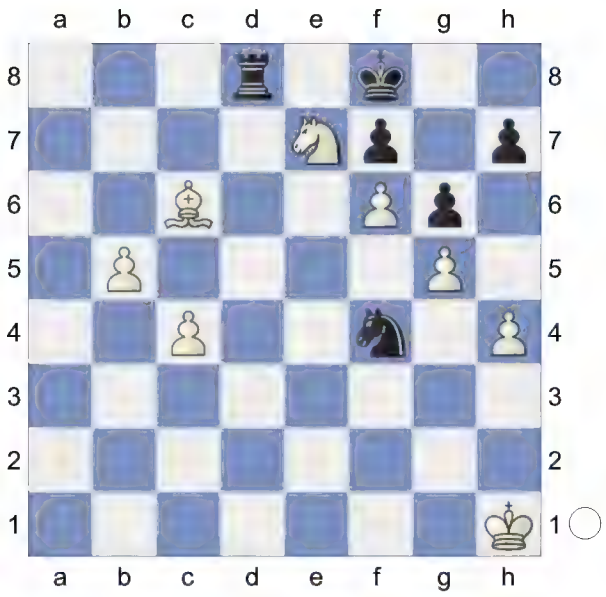
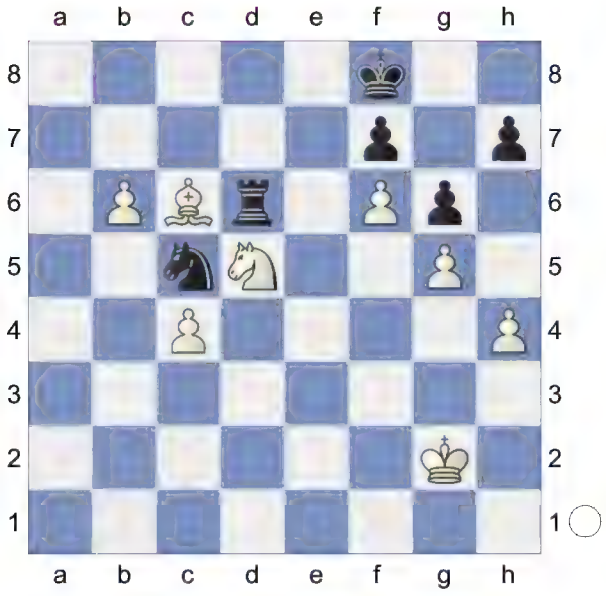


42.Nd5! 17
[42.b6 Rb8 43.b7 Ne6=]
42...Nd3 1:59 **43.b6** 18 **Nc5** 6 **44.Kg2** 16 **Rd6** 1



45.Bb5 42
[45.b7 Rd8 46.Nb6 Rb8+-]
45...Re6 1

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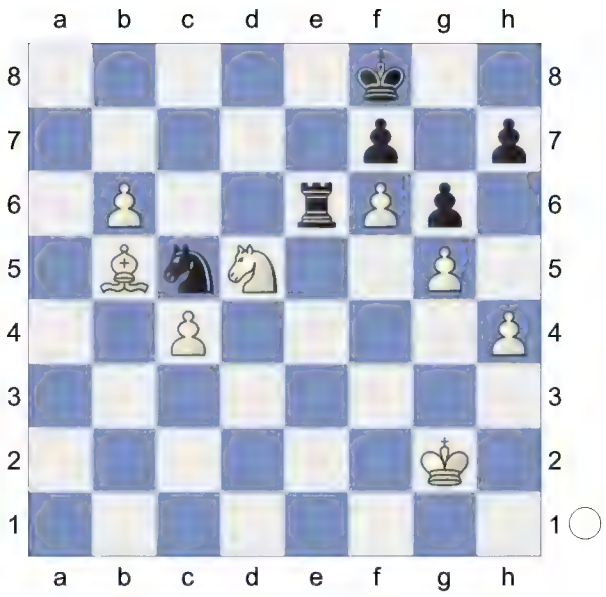

46.Kf3 33 **Re1** 3.43/24 1
[⌓46...h6 2.21/22 47.gxh6 Kg8]
47.Bc6 1.97/21 25
[⌓47.Nc7 3.43/24]
47...Rc1 2.67/22 2
[47...Rd1 1.97/21 was necessary. 48.Bb5 h6 49.gxh6 Kg8]
48.Bb5? 0.01/19 14
[Inferior is 48.b7 Rb1=]
[White should try 48.Ne3+- 2.67/22]
48...Re1!= 9 **49.Nc7** 17 Against Re6
49...h5? 15.20/23 58
[49...Rb1 3.38/21 50.Ke3 Nb7]
50.Na6+- 2:40 White is clearly winning.
50...Nb7 25

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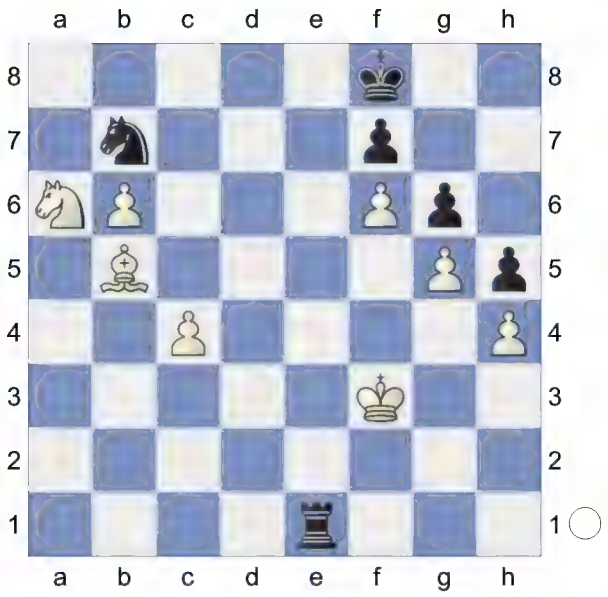
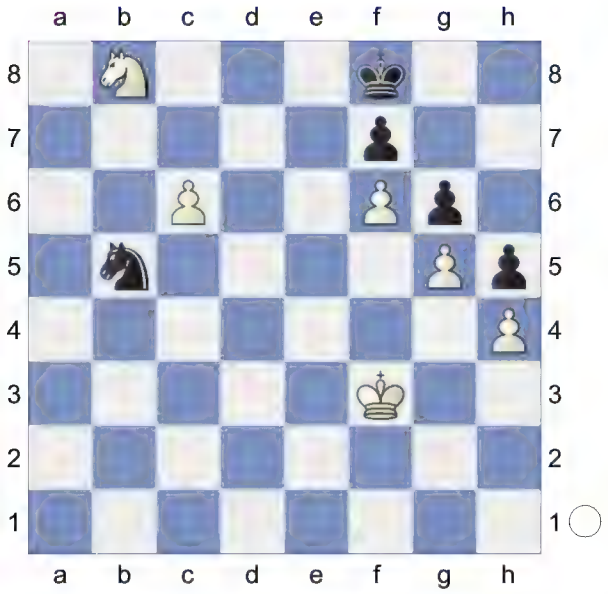
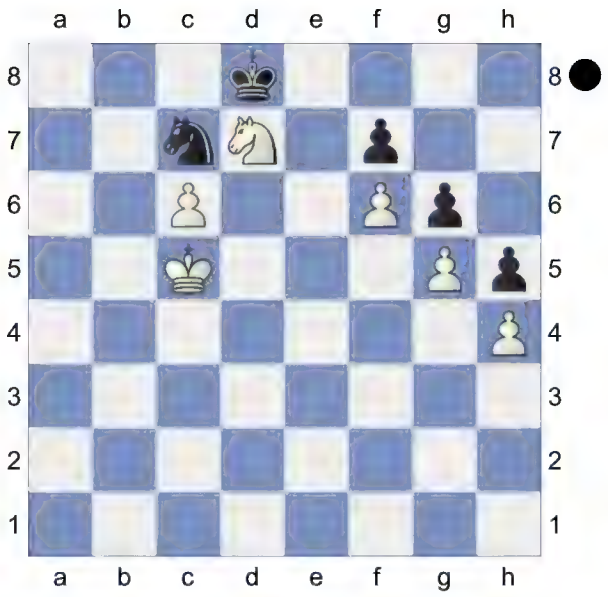


51.c5 0 **Rb1** 4 **52.c6** 0 **Nd6** 1:05 **53.b7** 0 **Rxb5** 8 **54.b8Q+** 0 **Rxb8** 1 **55.Nxb8** 0 White threatens c7 and mate. **55...Nb5** 7



56.Ke4 8 Threatening mate with Kd5. **56...Ke8** 1 **57.Kd5** 37 White wants to mate with Kc5. **57...Kd8** 14 **58.Kc5** 26 **Nc7** 2 **59.Nd7** 10

(Diagram)



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13 **B13**
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**
■ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (3.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.e4** 1:07 **c6** 14 **2.d4** 16 **d5** 8 **3.exd5** 5 **cxd5** 6 **4.Bd3** 8 **Nc6** 30 **5.c3** 5 **Nf6** 53

6.Bf4 15 **g6** 40 **7.Qc2N** 3:16
[7.Nf3 Bg7 *(7...Bf5 8.Bxf5 gxf5 9.h3 Rg8 10.0-0 Ne4 11.c4 Qd7 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 e6 14.Re1 0-0-0 15.c5 f6 16.Rb1 Re8 17.c4 Be7 18.Qb3 Na5 19.Qb5 Bd8 20.Qxd7+ Kxd7 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Kf1* 1-0 Ajay,K (2441)-Ronka,E (2294) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (2) *)*
A) 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 Bf5 *(9...Nh5 10.Be3 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Nf3 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 d4 16.cxd4 Bxd4 17.Rad1 Bxe3 18.Bxg6* 18. Caro-Kann-5...Nf6*)* 10.Bxf5 gxf5 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.h3 Qb6 13.Rb1 Qa6 14.Ra1 Qb6 15.Rb1 Qa6 16.Ra1 Qb6 ½-½ Partac,E (2078)-Linares Napoles,O (2201) Olympiad Women-45 Budapest 2024 (4.18);
B) 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Nbd2 b6 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Nf3 Bb7 13.Ne5 Rc8 14.h4 Ne4 15.f3 Nd6 16.h5 Re8 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Qxg6 e6 20.Bg5 Qc7 21.Bf6 Kf8 1-0 Fjellseth,S (1648)-Andersen,D (1512) NOR-ch Royos 2002 (5)]
7...Nh5 1:21 **8.Be3** 26 **f6** 3:06 **9.f4** 18:19 **e5** 24:30 **10.dxe5** 1:18 **fxe5** 30

11.fxe5 24 **Bg7** 14:25 **12.Nf3** 4:58 **0-0** 13 **13.0-0** 10:52 **Nxe5** 6:15 **14.Nxe5** 1:57 **Rf6** 3.14/16 44:39
[14...Bxe5= 0.27/19 and Black stays safe. 15.Rxf8+ Qxf8]
15.Rf2? 0.73/18
[15.Nf3+- 3.14/16 and White stays clearly on top.]
15...Rxf2± 0

(Diagram)

16.Be2? -4.06/21 55:04
[16.Qxf2± 0.67/18 Bxe5 17.Nd2]

16...Rf1+? 0.30/19 **17.Bxf1=** 0 **Bxe5** 0 **18.Nd2** 0 **Bg4** 0 **19.Qa4** 0.01/17 0
[19.g3± 0.43/18 deserves consideration.]
19...Qd6 0 **20.Qxg4** 0 **Bxh2+** 0

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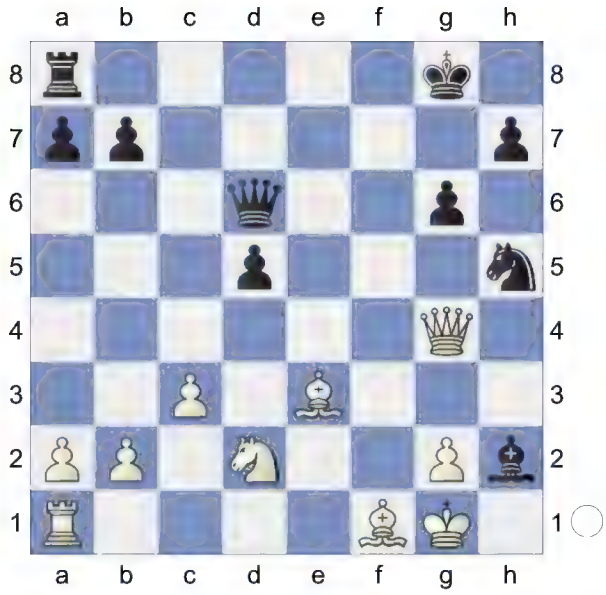

21.Kf2! 0

Hoping for Nf3. **21...Re8** 0 next ...Bg3+ is good for Black. The position is equal. **22.Bd4** 0 Threatens to win with Nf3!
[But not 22.Bxa7 b6 *(22...Bg3+ 23.Kg1=)* 23.Ba6 Ra8∓]
22...Bg3+ 0 **23.Kg1** 0 Black must now prevent Bb5! **23...Bh2+** 0 **24.Kf2** 0 **Bg3+** 0 **25.Kg1** 0 Nf3! is the strong threat. **25...Bh2+** 0

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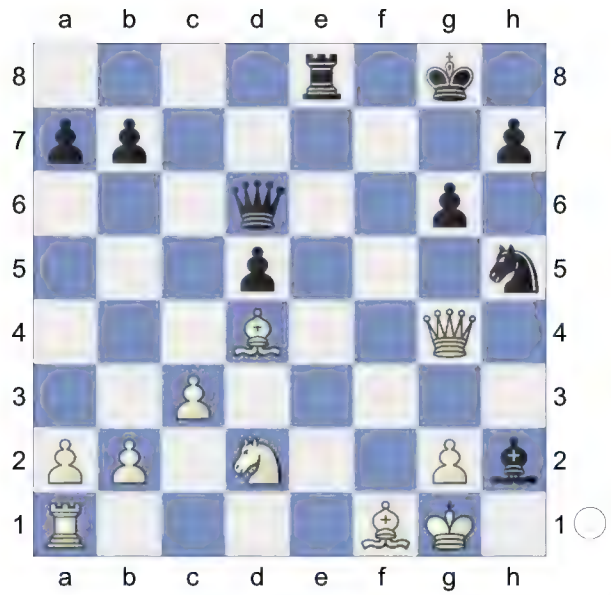

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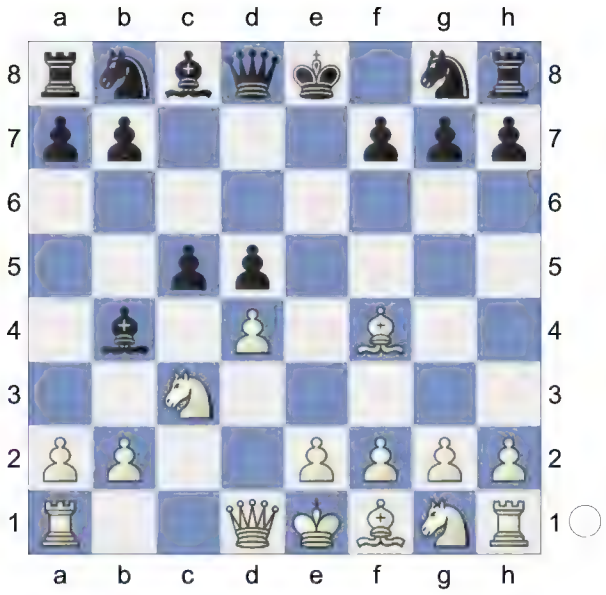
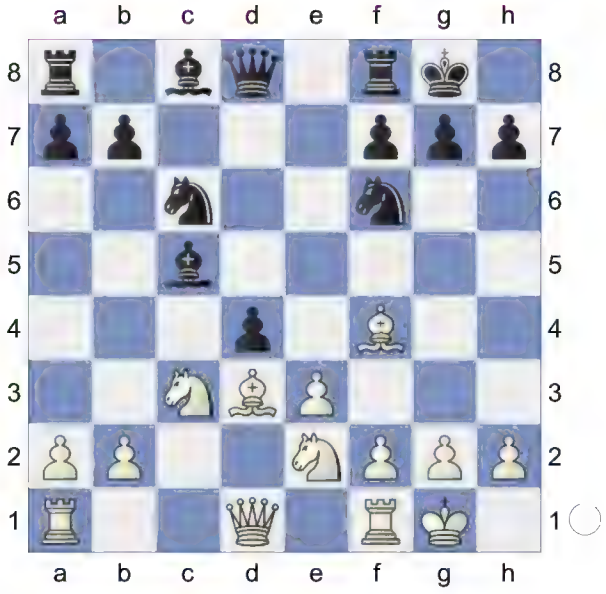
14 **D35**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.c4** 1:47 **e6** 6 **2.Nc3** 11 **d5** 6 **3.d4** 9
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Los,A (2003)-Zwirs,N (2444) Hilversum op 2023 (1)) 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Gonzalez,J (2609)-Kramer,A (2536) Sharjah 121/(157) 2014]
3...Bb4N 8
[3...Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 8 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]
4.cxd5 7:15 **exd5** 1:16 **5.Bf4** 23 **c5** 53

(Diagram)

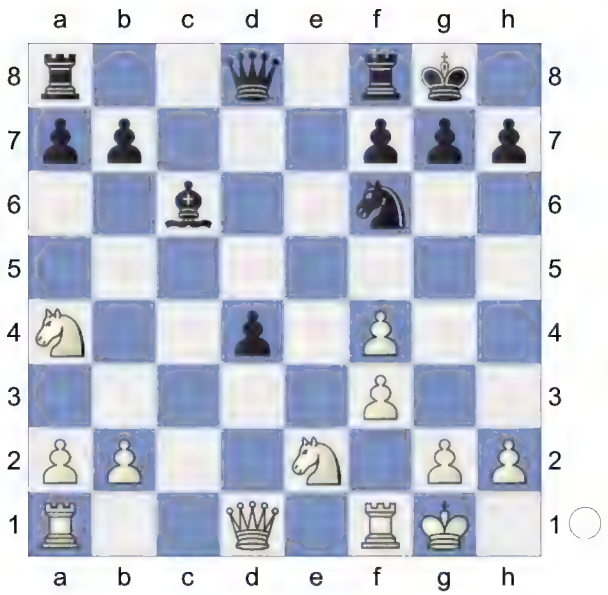


6.dxc5 7:10 **Nf6** 2:10 **7.e3** 4:16 **0-0** 8:38 **8.Bd3** 9:47 **Bxc5** 3:43 **9.Nge2** 4:11 **Nc6** 2:08 **10.0-0** 25 **d4** 14:45

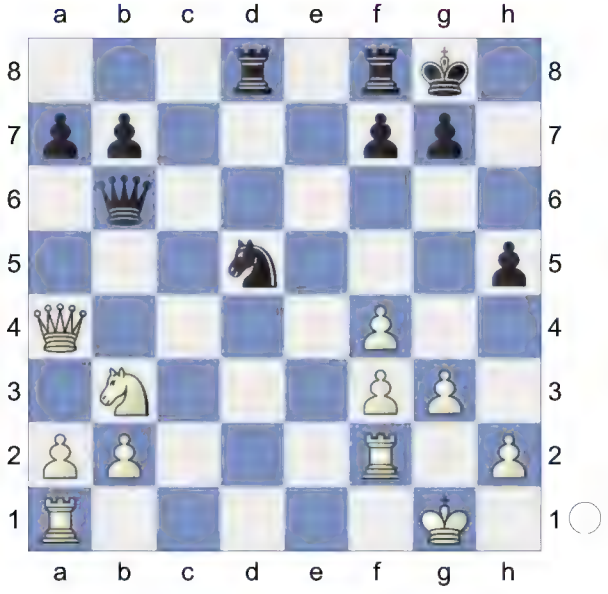


11.Na4 1:37 **Bd6** 1:22 **12.Bb5** 47
The position is equal.
[12.Nxd4 Nxd4 *(12...Bxf4 13.Nxc6 Bxh2+ 14.Kxh2∓)* 13.Bxd6 Qxd6±]
12...Bxf4 2:36 **13.exf4** 14 **Bg4** 2:06 **14.f3** 5:35 **Bd7** 37 **15.Bxc6** 5:40 **Bxc6** 12

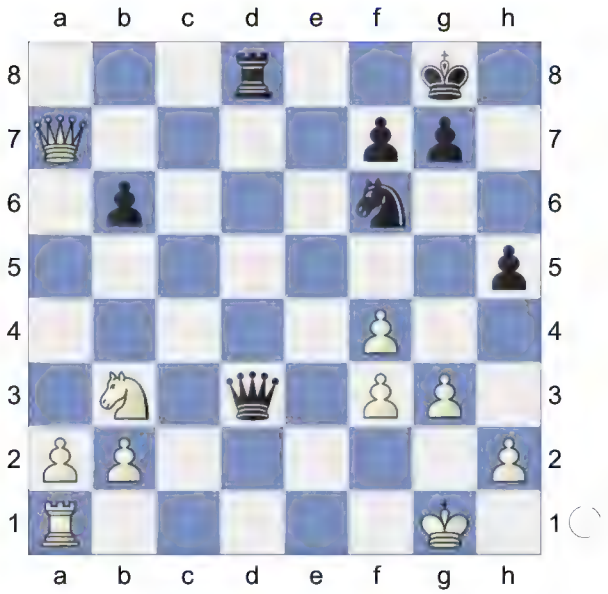
(Diagram)



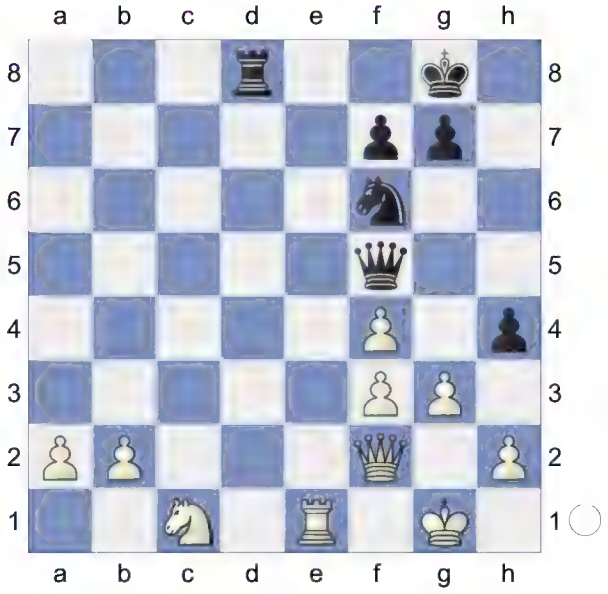
16.Nxd4 9 **Bxa4** 1:38 **17.Qxa4** 6 **Qb6** 1:06 **18.Rf2** 1:31 **Nd5** 8:36
[18...Rad8!? 19.Rd2 Rd5=]
19.Nb3 -0.19/20 11:31
[⌓19.g3! 0.28/19]
19...Rad8 12:39 Black has compensation. **20.g3** 2:29 **h5** 3:34



21.Qa5 12:55 **Qg6** 27 **22.Rd2** 5 **b6** 1:31 **23.Qa4** 6 **Nf6** 0.75/21 4:47
[23...Ne3= 0.12/19]
24.Rxd8 0.21/21 13:06
[Better is 24.Nd4± 0.75/21]
24...Rxd8= 6 **25.Qxa7** 2 **Qd3** 0.83/21 7:11
[25...Nd5= -0.01/20 26.Qa4 Ne3]

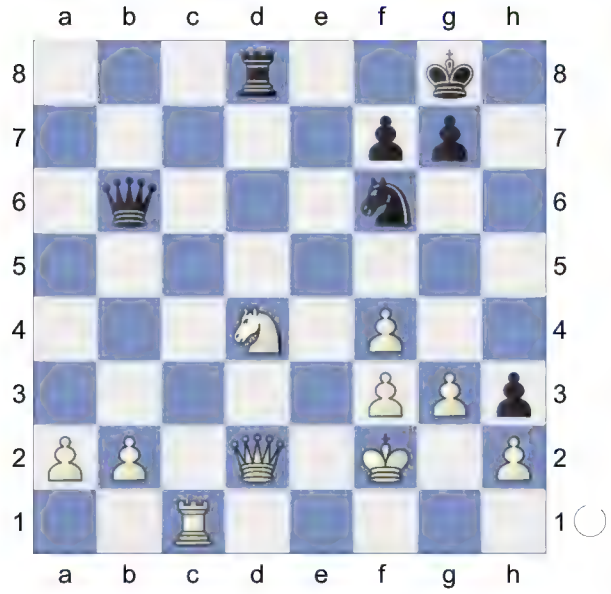


26.Qxb6± 55 **Re8** 11 **27.Rf1!** 1:03 **Qc2** 1:29 **28.Nc1** 3:39 **h4** 3:17 **29.Qf2** 13 **Qf5** 1:21 **30.Re1** 45
[30.gxh4 Nd5±]
30...Rd8 39



31.Nb3 1:07
[31.gxh4?! Nh5=]
31...h3 1:47 **32.Rc1** 0.56/22 2:09
[White should try 32.Nc5± 1.31/20]
32...Re8 1.49/22 48

[Black should play 32...Qe6± 0.56/22]
33.Qd2 1:17 **Qe6** 1:00 **34.Kf2** 1:51 **Qb6+** 2:37 **35.Nd4** 39 Black must now prevent g4. **35...Rd8** 1.73/23 31
[35...Nd5± 1.19/22 might work better. 36.a3 Rd8]



36.Rc4+- 5 **Qb7** 2.77/20 1:29
[⌓36...Nd5 1.74/21 37.b3 Re8]
37.g4 52 **Qd5** 3:01 **38.b3** 51 **Qd6** 49 **39.Kg3** 1:48 **g5** 59 **40.Qc1** 12 And now Nf5! would win.
[40.Kxh3 Nd5 41.Nf5 *(41.fxg5 Nf4+ 42.Kg3 Ne6+ 43.f4 Nxd4=)* 41...Nxf4+±]
40...Nd5 1:01

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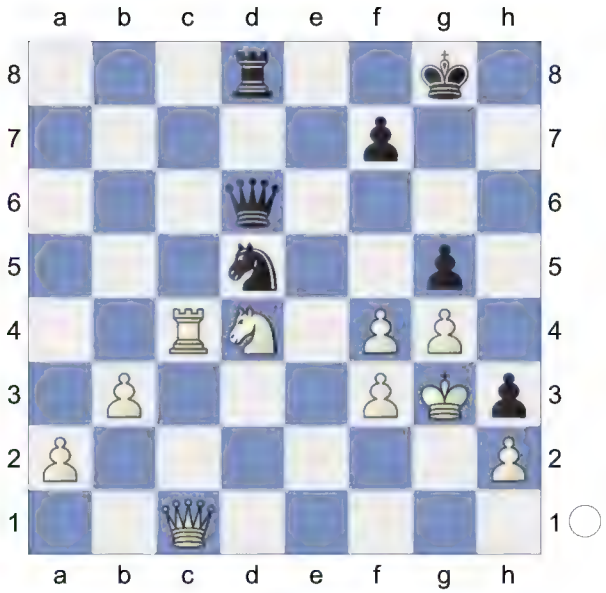

41.Ne2 38
[41.Kxh3? Nxf4+-+ *(41...Qxf4 42.Qxf4 Nxf4+ 43.Kg3±; 41...Qxf4? 42.Qxf4 Nxf4+ 43.Kg3+-)*]
41...Kg7 1:58 **42.Rc6** 1:13
[42.Kxh3 Rh8+ 43.Kg2 Qh6]
42...Qe7 20 **43.Qb2+** 20 **Kg8** 6.23/23 14
[⌓43...Kh7 4.31/23 44.Rc4 *(44.Kxh3 Qxe2* Remove Defender, Decoy *45.Qxe2 Nxf4+ 46.Kg3 Nxe2+ 47.Kf2 Rd2-+)* 44...Nxf4 45.Nxf4 Qe1+ 46.Qf2 *(46.Kxh3 Rd2=)* 46...gxf4+ 47.Rxf4 *(47.Kxh3 Qxf2 48.Rxf4 Rh8 49.Rf5 Kg6+ 50.Rh5 Qxf3+ 51.Kh4 Qg2* Double Attack *52.Rxh8 Qxh2#)* 47...Qe5]
44.fxg5 35
[44.Kxh3? loses. Qe3 *(44...Nxf4+ 45.Nxf4 Qe3 46.Qc3+-; 44...Qxe2 45.Qxe2 Nxf4+ 46.Kg3-+)* 45.Kg2 Nxf4+ 46.Nxf4 Rd2+-+]
44...Ne3 5.86/21 2:56
[⌓44...Qxg5 3.80/20 45.Qd4 *(45.Kxh3 Qe3+-)* 45...Ne3]
45.Qf6 45 White is clearly winning.
45...Qxf6 45

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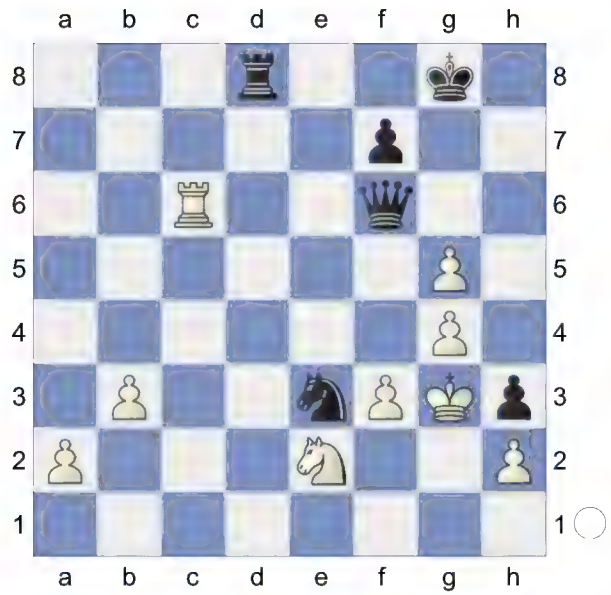
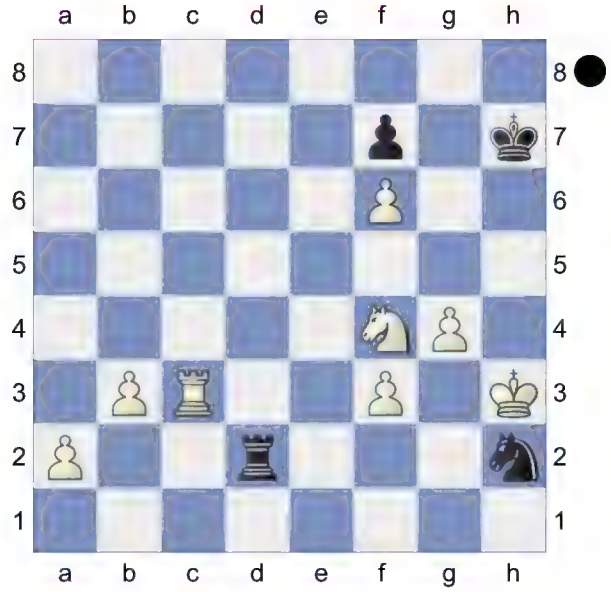


46.gxf6 11 **Rd2** 17 **47.Nf4** 29 **Nf1+** 6 **48.Kh4** 4 **Nxh2** 12 **49.Rc3** 1:13 **Kh7** 1:41 **50.Kxh3** 28



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15 **B51**
□ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (3.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4** 6 **c5** 6 **2.Nf3** 43 **d6** 8 **3.Bb5+** 2:38
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 e5 7.Be3 Nge7 8.c4 0-0 9.Qd2 f5 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Nh4 f4 12.gxf4 Nec6 13.Nf3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 exf4 15.Bxf4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qf6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 0-1 Asante,D (1908)-Ortega Amarelle,M (2453) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (4.63)]
3...Nd7N 7
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell, A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.0-0 1:04 **a6** 13 **5.Be2** 6 **Ngf6** 24
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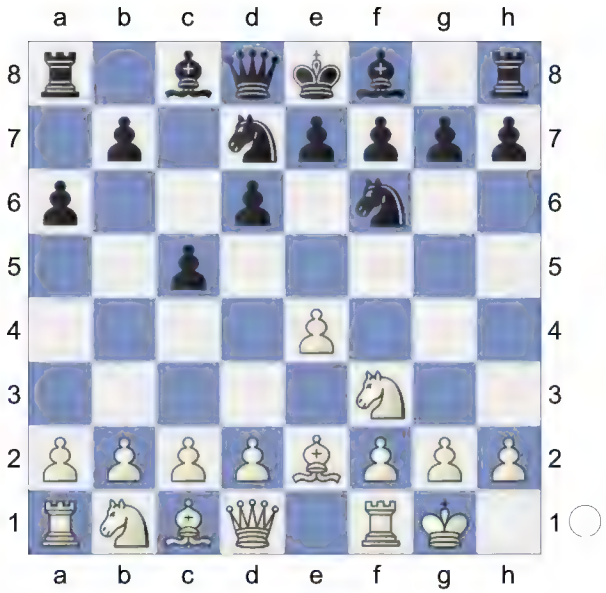
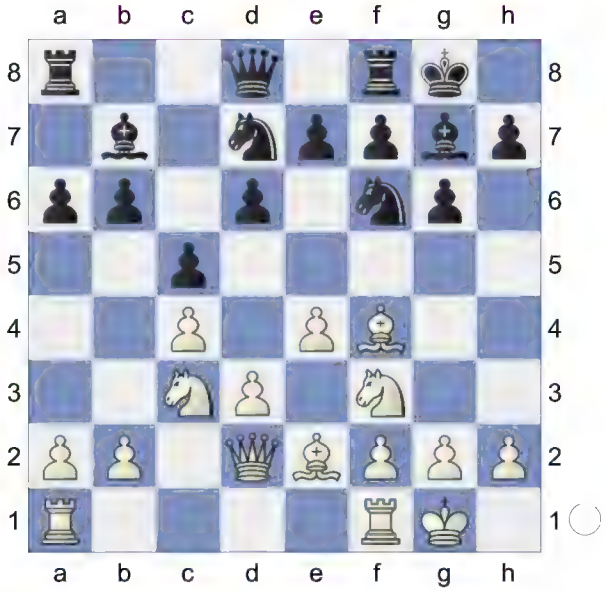


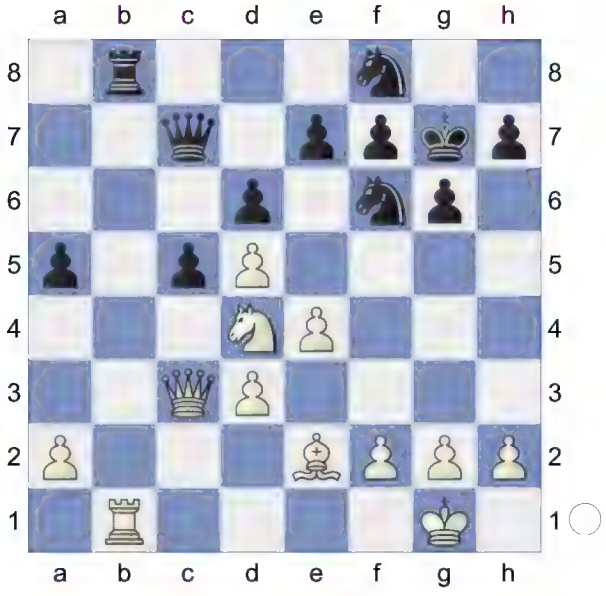
6.d3 2 **g6** 1:17 **7.c4** 16 **b6** 4:08 **8.Nc3** 26 The position is equal. **8...Bb7** 11 **9.Bf4** 8:01 **Bg7** 3:17 **10.Qd2** 20 **0-0** 39



11.Bh6 51 **Re8** 20:38 **12.Bxg7** 34 **Kxg7** 2 **13.Rab1** 16:30 **Rb8** 15:50 **14.b4** 47 **Qc7** 3:17 **15.Nd5** 4:53 **Bxd5** 7:43

(Diagram)

16.cxd5 1:12 **a5** 17 **17.bxc5** 4:28 **bxc5** 14 **18.Qc3** 29 **Nf8** 13:49 **19.Nd4** 12:15 **Rxb1** 4:02 **20.Rxb1** 2 **Rb8** 2:20



Prevents a4. **21.Nb5** 9:17 **Qd8** 18 **22.a4** 2:35 **e5** 6:23 **23.Qd2** 8:37 **N8d7** 2:03 **24.Rc1** 5:14 **Qb6** 32 **25.g3** 34 **Ne8** 3:54

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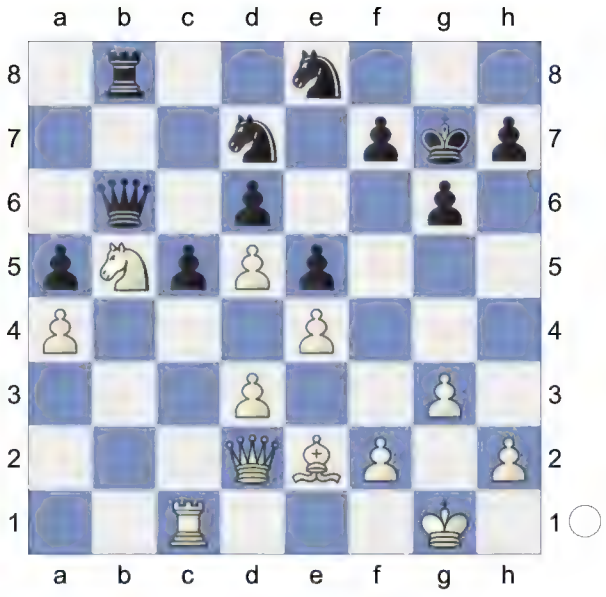
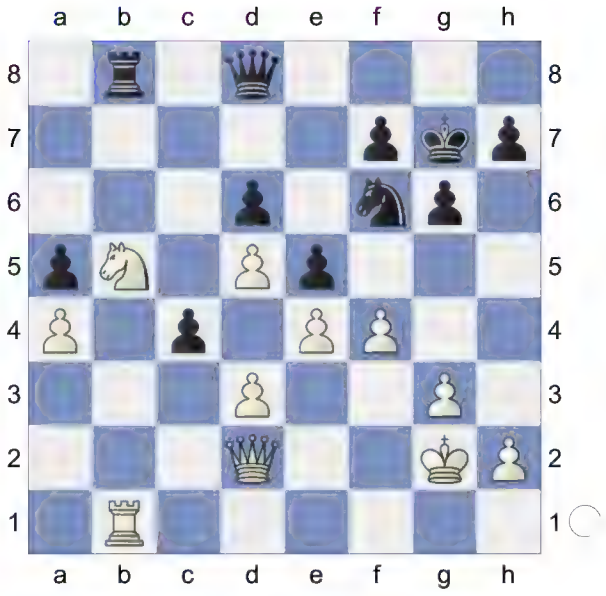


26.Rb1 4:08 **Qd8** 1:27 **27.Bg4** 1:43 **Nef6** 1:42 **28.Bxd7** 3:05 **Nxd7** 7 **29.Kg2** 9 **Nf6** 3:09 **30.f4** 2:23 **c4** 0.72/20 1:15



31.fxe5 5:40 White is more active. **31...dxe5** 2 **32.dxc4** 7:22

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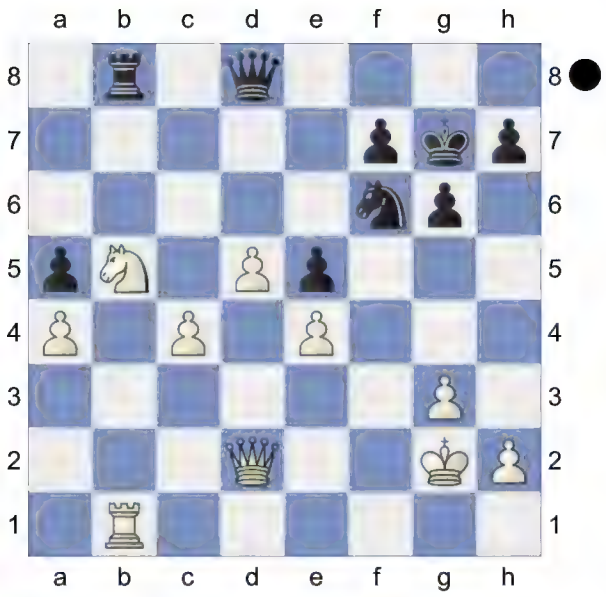
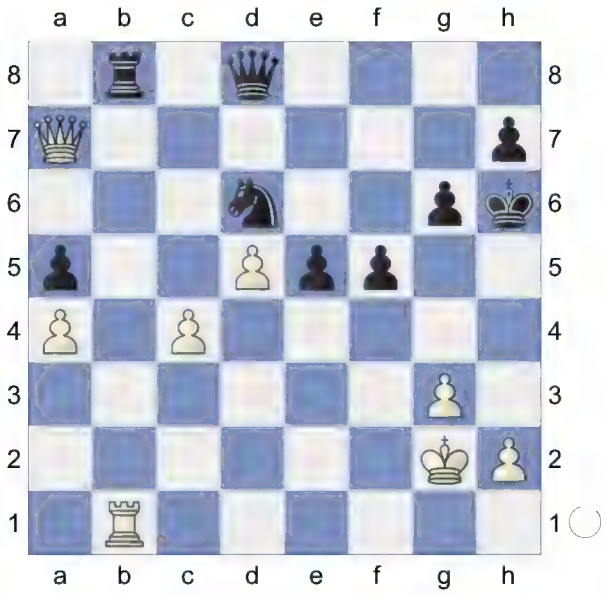
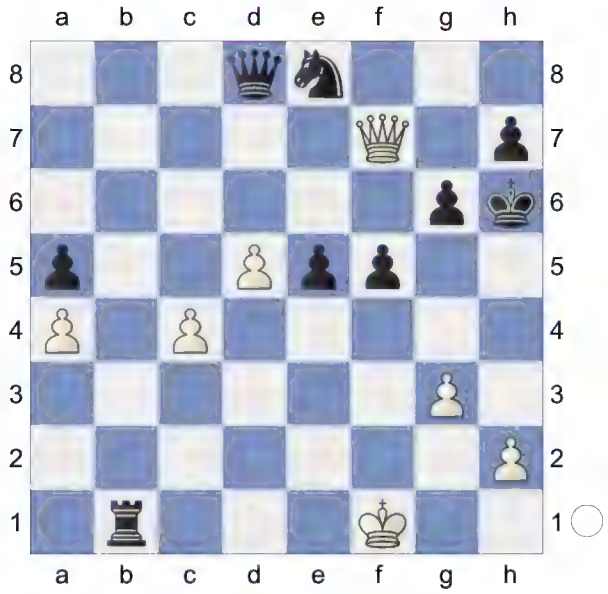


And now Qe3 would win. **32...Nxe4**
33.Qe3 30
[33.Qe2!? f5□ 34.Rc1±]
33...f5 7:26 **34.Qa7+** 30 **Kh6** 30
35.Nd6 30 **Nxd6** 8.00/20 30
[35...Qxd6= 0.01/20 36.Qxb8 *(36.Rxb8 Qa3=)* 36...Qc5]



36.Qf7?? -#10/21 30 **Ne8?** -2.00/20
[36...Nxf7 -#10/21 mates 37.Rxb8 Qxb8 38.h4 Qb2+ 39.Kf1 e4 40.Kg1 Ne5 41.Kf1 e3 *(41...Nxc4* is a self mate. *42.g4 Ne3+ 43.Ke1 fxg4 44.h5 g3 45.hxg6 Qf2#)* 42.Kg1 Nf3+ 43.Kh1 Qh2#]
37.Rb2? -#7/16 30
[37.Rxb8-+ -2.00/20 Qxb8 38.Qf8+ Kg5 *(38...Kh5? 39.Qe7-+)* 39.Qa3]
37...Rxb2+ 1:00 **38.Kf1** 30 **Rb1+** 30



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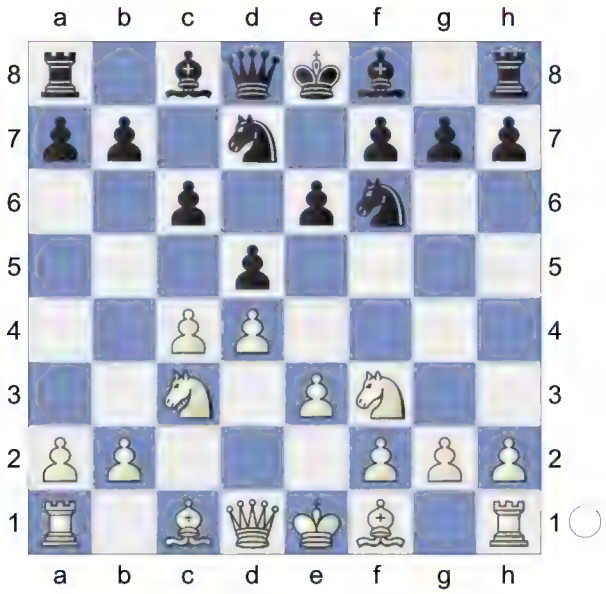
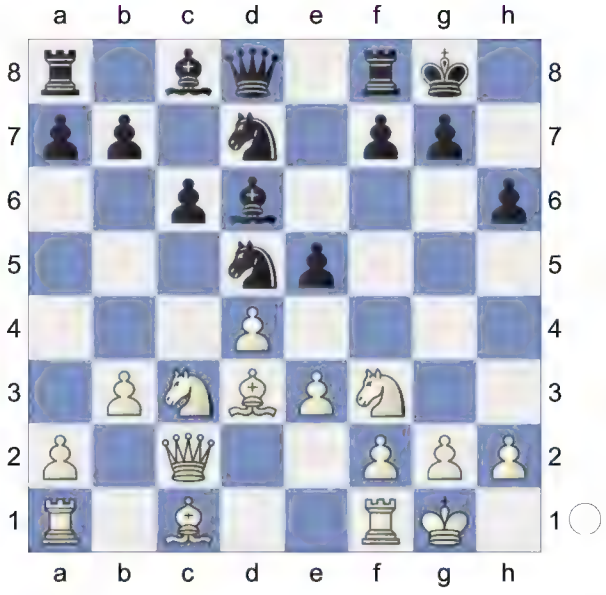
16 **D46**
□ **Navara,David** **2677**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D46: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3, Black avoids the Meran **1.d4** 2 **d5** 6 **2.c4** 5 **c6** 6 **3.Nf3** 5 **Nf6** 5 **4.Nc3** 8 **e6** 6 **5.e3** 6 **Nbd7** 5



6.Qc2 7 **Bd6** 27 **7.Bd3** 8
[7.b3 0-0 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Bb2 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Rad1 Rc8 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Qf5 Qe7 15.Rfe1 Qe6 16.Qb1 h6 17.Bd3 Ne5 18.Bf5 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Qe5 20.f4 Qe8 21.Bh3 Rd8 1-0 Kramnik,V (2780)-Kasparov,G (2815) Kosmos m 5' Moscow blitz 1998 (8)]
[7.g4 h6 8.g5 hxg5 9.Nxg5 Nf8 10.f4 Be7 11.Bd3 Ng4 12.h4 Nh6 13.b3 f6 14.Nf3 f5 15.Be2 Nf7 16.h5 g6 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Be6 20.Na4 Nd7 21.Bd2 Bh4+ 1-0 Rovira Contreras,T (2022)-Ter Avetisjana,A (2134) Olympiad Women-45 Budapest 2024 (6.22)]
7...0-0 23 **8.0-0N** 5
[8.Bd2 b6 9.e4 dxc4 10.Bxc4 e5 11.0-0 exd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5 13.Be2 Bc7 14.Nb3 b5 15.Rad1 Bb6 16.Bg5 Qe7 17.Kh1 h6 18.Bh4 Ng6 19.Bg3 b4 20.Bd6 Qe6 21.Na4 Re8 22.Nac5 1-0 10.dc5 ♗c5 11.♗d2 (2675)-Bancroft,H (2630) (ch) 35/(716) Great Britain 1983 (5.6)]
[8.b3 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nb5 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 e4 13.Be2 a6 14.Nc7 Ra7 15.0-0 b6 16.Rfc1 Nb8 17.b4 Qd6 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxc8 Qxb4 20.Nxe4 Re7 21.Ng3 f5 22.Qc4 Qa5 1-0 Tsesarsky,I (2390)-Stisis,Y (2375) Rishon Le Ziyyon 9798 1997 (9)]
8...h6 9 **9.b3** 7:49 **e5** 39 **10.cxd5** 47 **Nxd5** 12



11.Nxd5 4:41 **cxd5** 3 White is slightly better. **12.dxe5** 14 **Nxe5** 9 **13.Nxe5** 31 **Bxe5** 3 **14.Bb2** 14 **Qf6** 15 **15.Bxe5** 26 **Qxe5** 3

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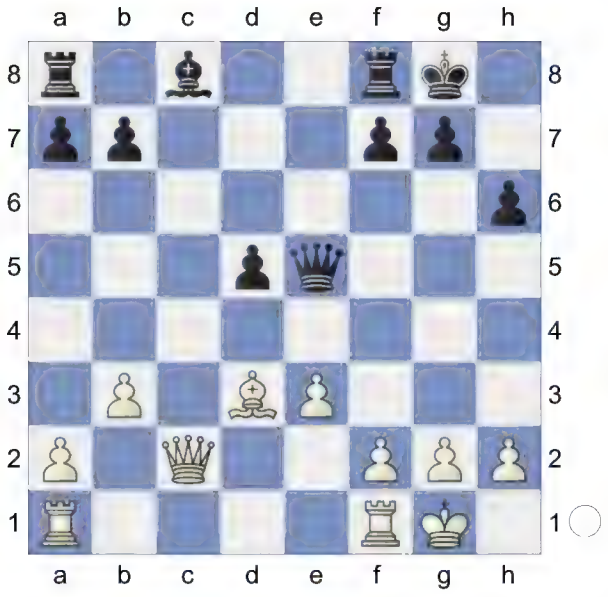
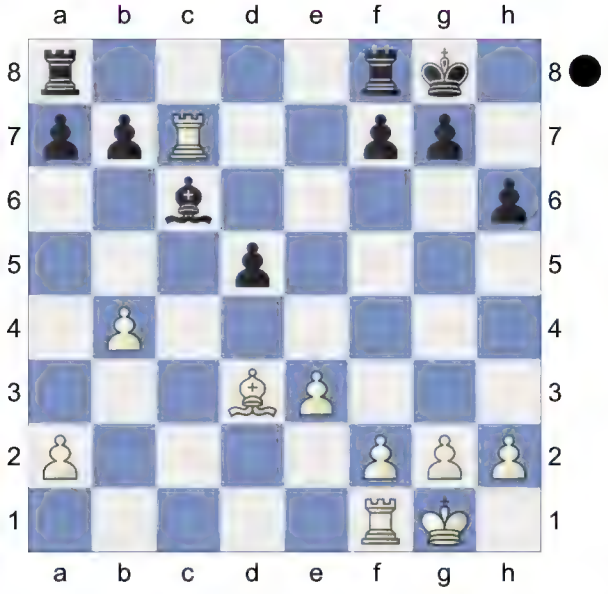


16.Rac1 4:10 **Bd7** 36 **17.Qc7** 4:14 **Qxc7** 13 **18.Rxc7** 7 **Bc6** 10 **19.b4** 7:50



Hoping for b5. **19...Rac8** 2:16 **20.Rxc8** 9 **Rxc8=** 2

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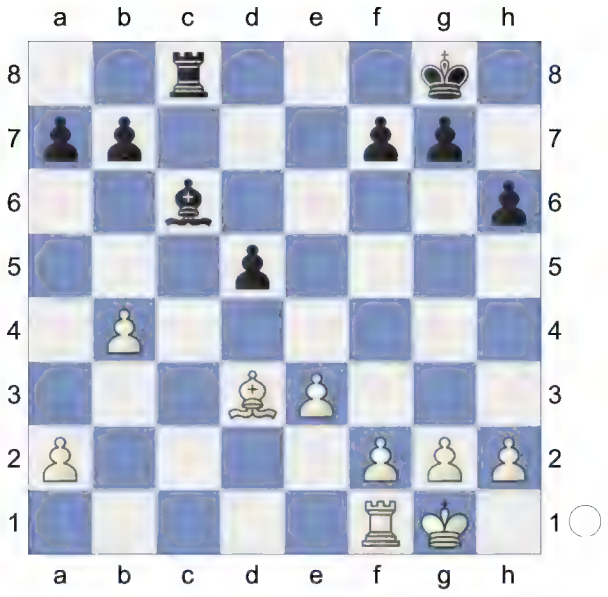
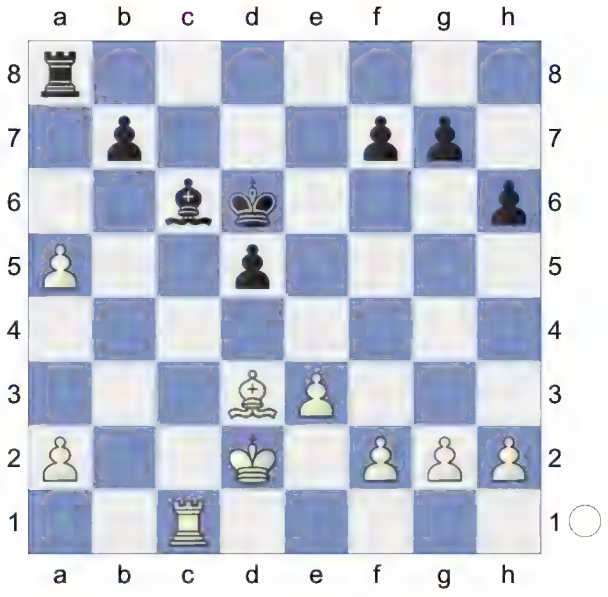


Endgame. KRB-KRB **21.Rc1** 10 The position is equal. **21...Kf8** 1:00 **22.Kf1** 13 **Ke7** 15 **23.Ke2** 9 **Kd6** 17 **24.Kd2** 23 **a5** 22:23 **25.bxa5** 1:30

[Reject 25.b5 Bd7 26.Rxc8 Bxc8∓]

25...Ra8 1:29



26.a6! 30 **bxa6** 2:02 **27.Rb1** 5:13 **Kc5** 1:56 Against Rb6 **28.Rc1+** 2:29 **Kd6** 7 **29.Rb1** 48 **Kc5** 8

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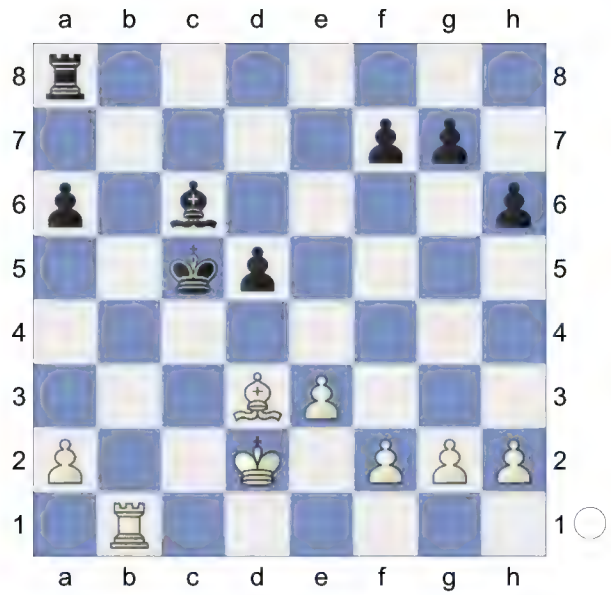

Prevents Rb6. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

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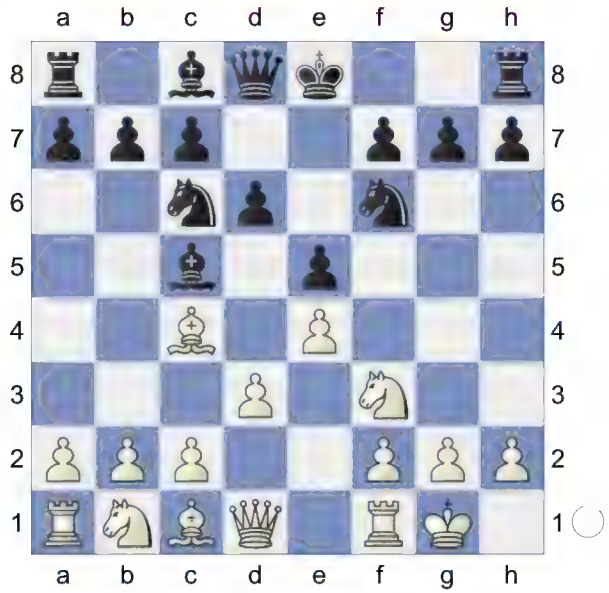
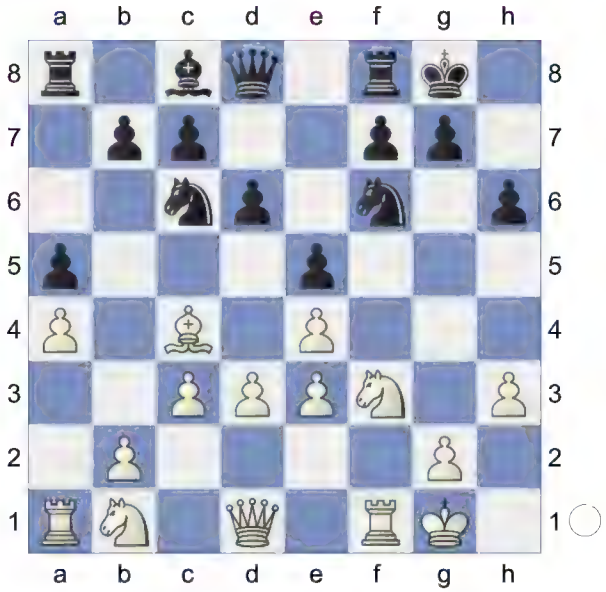
17 **C54**
□ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (4.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** 3 **e5** 5:13 **2.Nf3** 6 **Nc6** 30 **3.Bc4** 5 **Nf6** 2:03 **4.d3** 6 **Bc5** 45 **5.0-0** 11 **d6** 1:04



6.c3 11
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.h3 h6 9.Re1 g5 10.Nh2 g4 11.hxg4 h5 12.g5 Ng4 13.Rf1 Qe7 14.Nf3 Rg8 15.b4 Be6 16.Na3 f6 17.Qb3 Nd8 18.d4 fxg5 19.b5 Qf6 20.a5 axb5 1-0 Salinas Cardenas,R (2524)-5.dc5 ♗c5 6.♗f4 (2609) corr 82/(210) 2001]
[6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be3 Bb6 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Be6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Kh1 d5 13.exd5 Bxd5 14.c4 Be6 15.Ba4 Nd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Qxd4 18.b4 Rad8 19.Bc2 Rd7 20.Qe2 f6 0-1 Samol,Z (1135)-Gruszecka,A (1080) POL-ch Blitz U18 Girls Bydgoszcz 2023 (8)]
6...h6 1:15 **7.a4** 2:23 aiming for b4.
[7.b4!? Bb6□ 8.a4=]
7...a5 5:13 **8.h3N** 3:52
[8.Na3 0-0 9.Nc2 Bb6 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Qxd5 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Qh5 17.d5 Nb4 18.Qd4 Qg6 19.d6 Nc6 20.Qf4 Be6 21.Ne5 Qg5 22.Qxg5 hxg5 1-0 Della Morte,G (2364)-Hungaski,R (2488) Final Circuito por Equipos Boca Juniors 2019 (6)]
8...Bb6 4:35 **9.Be3** 2:16 The position is equal. **9...Bxe3** 2:39 **10.fxe3** 2 **0-0** 30



11.Nbd2 27 **Ne7** 8:56 **12.Nh4** 13:50 **d5** 1:22 **13.exd5** 1:48 **Nexd5** 1:22 **14.Qe2** 2:20 **c6** 3:44 **15.Nhf3** 13:38 **Re8** 3:02

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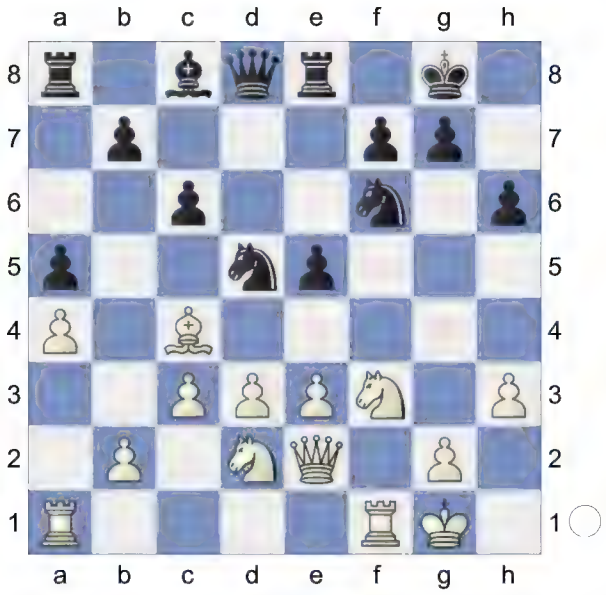
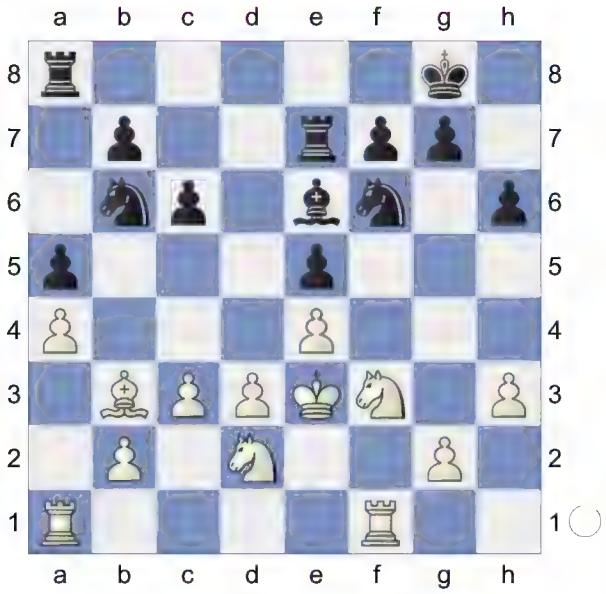


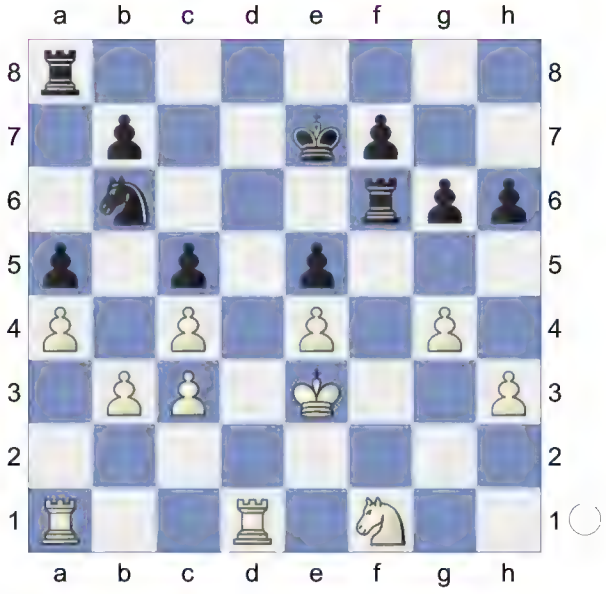
16.e4 57 **Qb6+** 10:08 **17.Qf2** 3:31 **Qxf2+!** 33 **18.Kxf2** 1:57 **Nb6** 5:28 **19.Ke3** 2:32 **Re7** 1:32 **20.Bb3** 7:23 **Be6** 4:16



21.g4 4:24
[21.Nxe5? Bxb3 22.Nxc6 bxc6-+]
21...Nfd7 1:26 **22.Bxe6** 2:02 **Rxe6** 8 **23.Nb3** 15 **g6** 4:38 **24.Nfd2** 3:02 **Kg7** 3:21 **25.Nc4** -0.28/20 4:39
[⌓25.h4 0.29/20]
25...Nxc4+= 1:07

(Diagram)

26.dxc4 20 **Kf8** 5:20 **27.Rfd1** 3:00 **Nb6** 4:50 **28.Nd2** 1:13 **c5!** 7 **29.b3** 31 **Ke7** 8 **30.Nf1** 2:48 **Rf6** 2:55



31.Rd3 2:51 **Rd8** 3:22 **32.Rxd8** 1:05 **Kxd8** 2 Endgame. KRN-KRN **33.Rd1+** 1:16 **Ke7** 6 **34.Nh2** 11 **Rd6** 37 **35.Rxd6** 1:26 **Kxd6** 2

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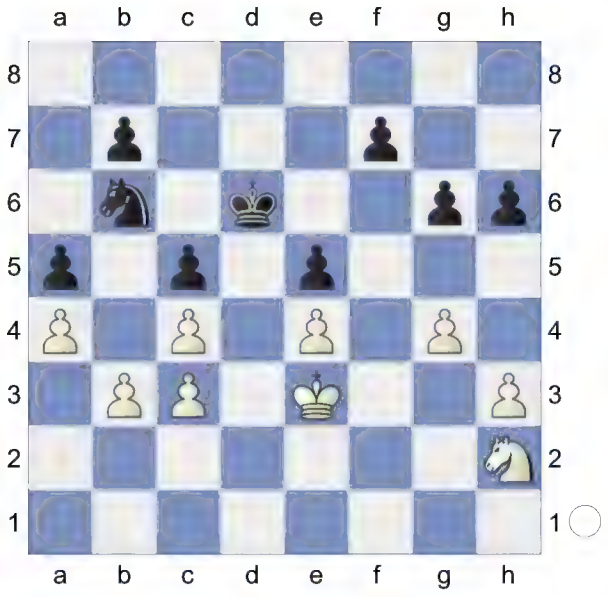


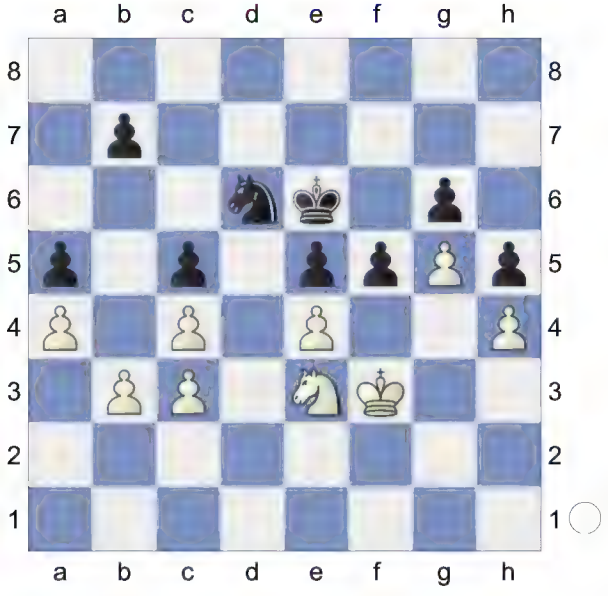
KN-KN **36.h4** 15 **Ke6** 1:13 **37.Nf1** 3:27 **Nc8** 3:33 **38.Kf3** 1:04 **Nd6** 6 **39.g5** -1.12/28 1:09

[39.Ne3= -0.01/27 remains equal.]

39...h5 -0.51/28 2:37

[39...hxg5∓ -1.12/28 40.hxg5 Ne8]

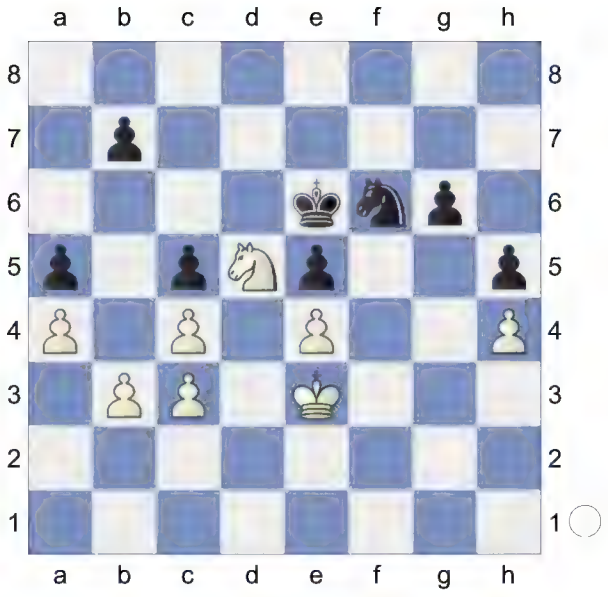
40.Ne3 16 **f5** 10



41.gxf6 10 **Kxf6** -0.32/26 2

[Black should try 41...g5∓ -0.83/26 Hoping for ...g4+. 42.hxg5 Nf7]

42.Nd5+ 15 **Kf7** 11 **43.Nc7** 4:54 **Ne8** 2:07 **44.Nd5** 53 **Nf6** 1:00 **45.Ke3** 1:28 **Ke6** 48



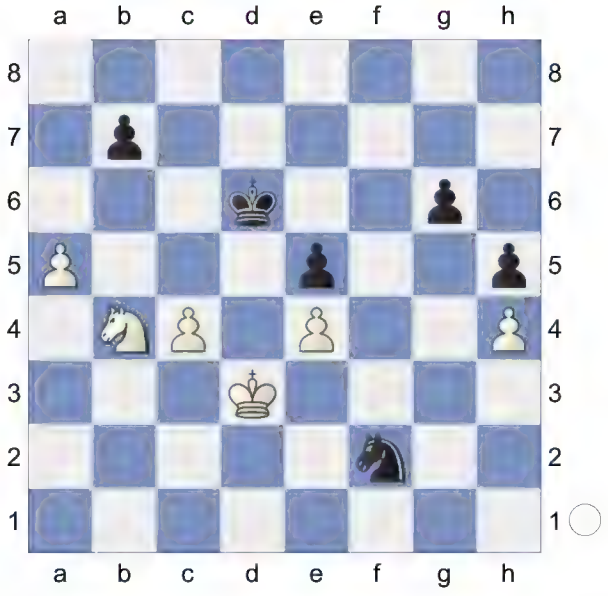
46.b4 3:35 **cxb4** -0.01/24 1:40

[46...Nh7!∓ -0.61/25 47.Kf3 *(47.bxc5? g5-+)* 47...g5]

47.cxb4 2 **axb4** 2:28 **48.Nxb4** 2 **Kd6** 18 **49.a5** -1.13/25 1:59

[49.Nd3!= -0.01/28 was the only way to keep the balance.]

49...Ng4+!∓ 55 **50.Kd3** 1:14 **Nf2+** 7



51.Ke3 1:18 **Nd1+** 6 **52.Kd2** 1:22 **Nb2** 5 **53.Kc3** 1:23 **Na4+** 2 **54.Kd2** 3:17

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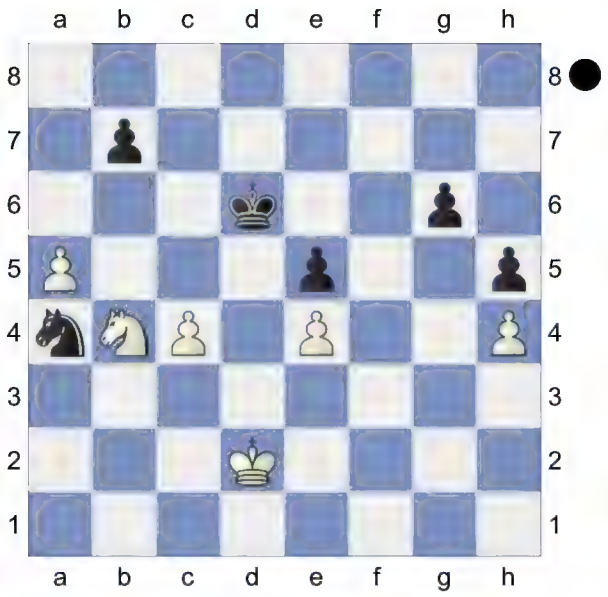
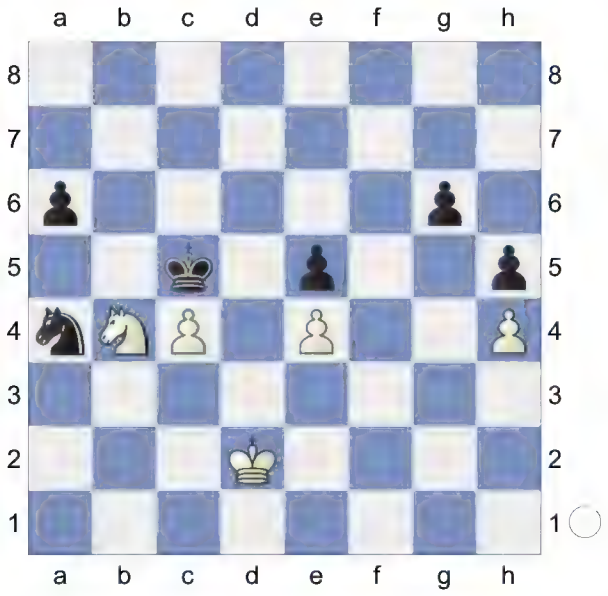
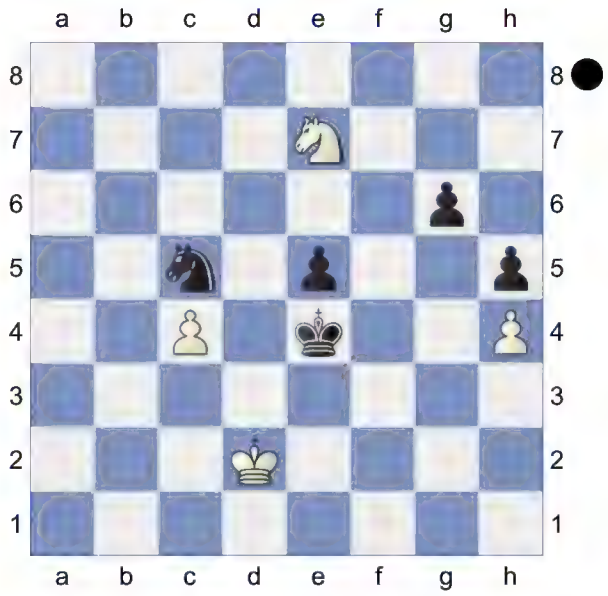


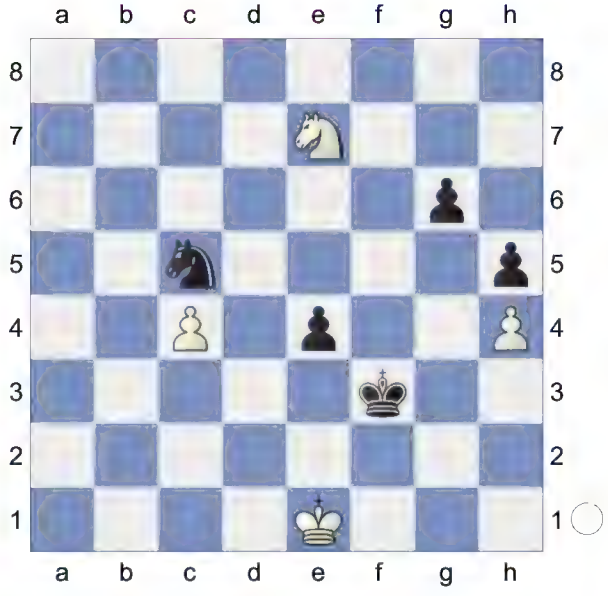
Kc5 -0.36/26 16
[Better is 54...Nc5!∓ -1.08/26 ...g5 is the strong threat. 55.Ke3 Ke6]
55.a6 -1.37/25 33 **bxa6** 10
[55...Kxb4? loses. 56.axb7 Kxc4 57.b8Q+- *(57.b8B? Kd4-+)*]



56.Nxa6+ 0 **Kd4** 57 Threatens to win with ...Nc3!
[But not 56...Kxc4 57.Ke3∓]
57.Nb8 43 **Nc5** -1.37/26 2:04
[And not 57...Kxc4 58.Nc6 Nb6 59.Nxe5+ Kd4 60.Nxg6=]
[Black should play 57...Kxe4-+ -1.93/26 58.Ke2 Nc5]
58.Nc6+ 26 **Kxe4** 2 **59.Ne7?** -7.02/24 33
[59.Ke1∓ -1.33/23]

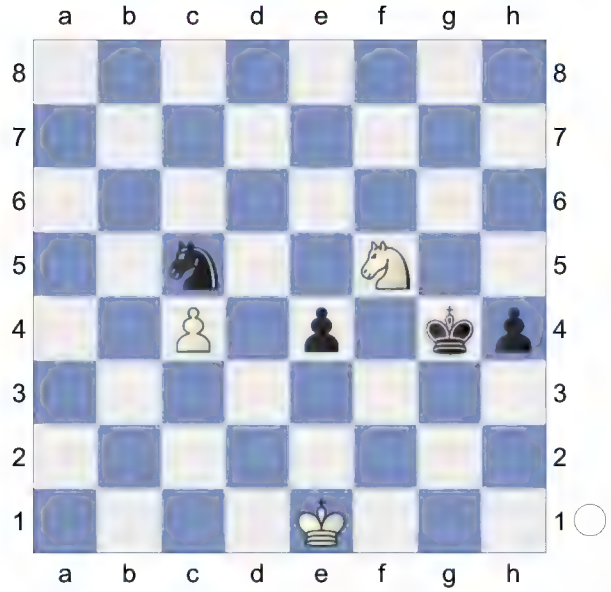


This move loses the game for White.
59...Kf3!-+ 2 Black is clearly winning.
60.Ke1 2:44 **e4** 16



61.Nc6 11 **Kg4** 3:11 **62.Ne5+** 1:04
Kxh4 7 And now ...Kg3 would win.
63.Nxg6+ 16 **Kg3** 59 **64.Ne7** 15 **h4** 9

65.Nf5+ 2 **Kg4** 4



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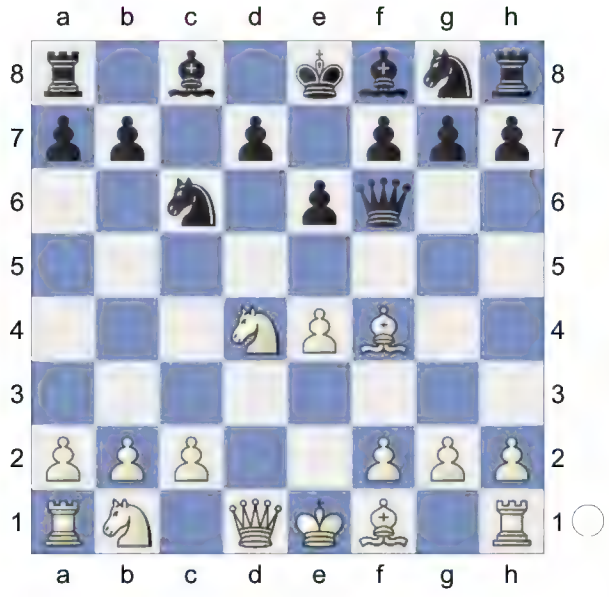
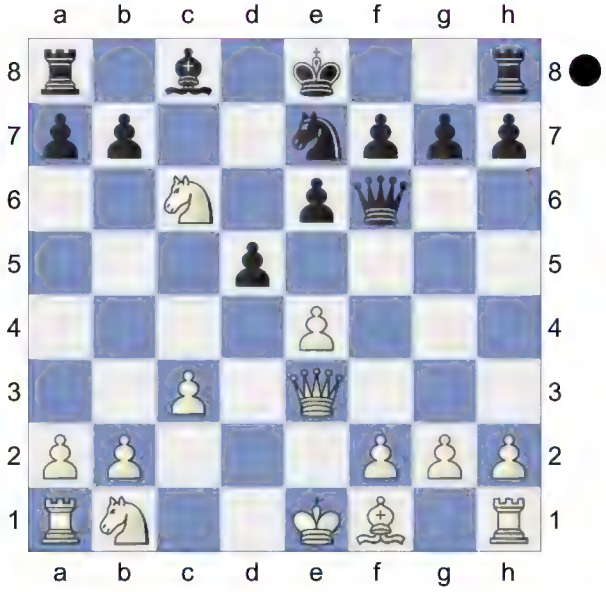
18 **B44**
□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (4.3)
[Kitty Kat]

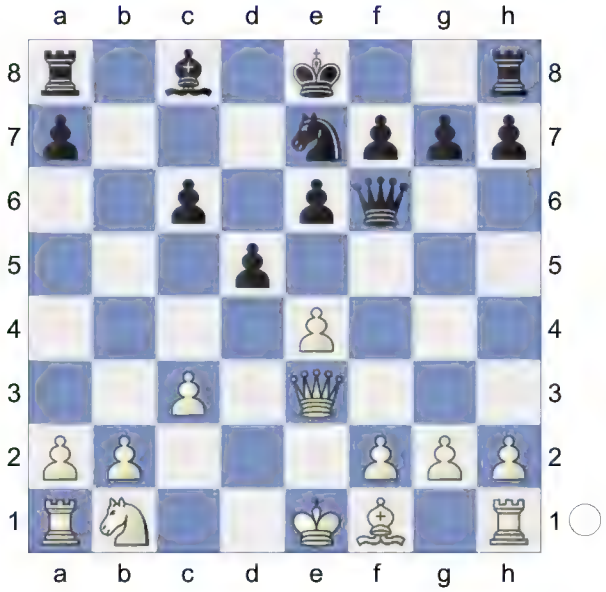
Slow 90min+30sec
B44: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nb5 **1.e4** 6 **c5** 3:20 **2.Nf3** 13 **e6** 7 **3.d4** 2:04 **cxd4** 7 **4.Nxd4** 6 **Nc6** 16 **5.Bf4N** 1:55
[5.g3 a6 *(5...Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001)* 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.b3 *(8.a4 Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.e5 Nd5 12.a5* Chapter 5-Taimanov-5.g3-Part I 2020) 8...Bc5 9.Ne2 b5 10.Bb2 e5 11.a4 b4 12.Nd2 a5 13.Nc4 Ba6 14.Qd3 0-0 15.Rad1 d6 16.Qf3 Bxc4 17.bxc4 Rab8 18.Qb3 Qb6 19.Nc1 Bd4 0-1 6.d4 ♘ge7 7.♗e3 ♘g6-Krstevska,M CHI-ch Vina del Mar 1997 20.Bxd4 Nxd4 21.Qd3 Nd7 22.Nb3 Nc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Rb1 Rbc8 0-1 Rada,H-Kornprat,M corr Austria 1992]
5...Qf6 47



6.Be3 2:44 **Bc5** 15 **7.c3** 6:30 **Nge7** 10:11 **8.Qd2** 9:29 White is slightly better.
[8.Nb5 is interesting. Bxe3 9.Nd6+ Kf8 10.fxe3 Ne5 11.Na3]
8...d5 18:01 **9.Nxc6** 5:09 **Bxe3** 3:24 **10.Qxe3** 5

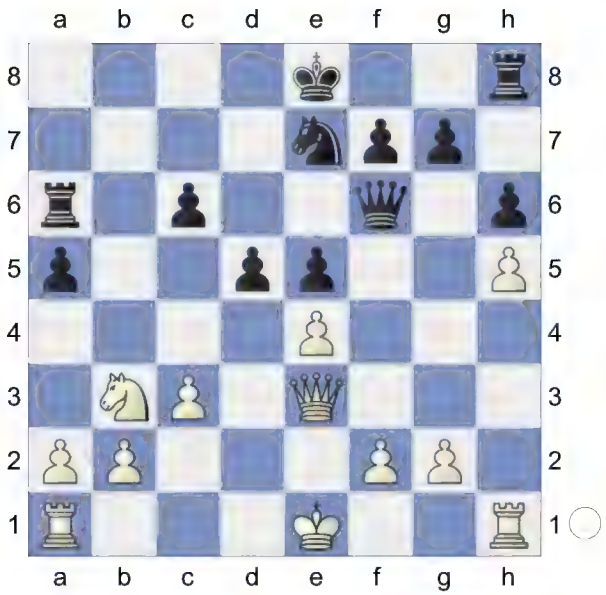


Strongly threatening Nxe7. **10...bxc6** 9

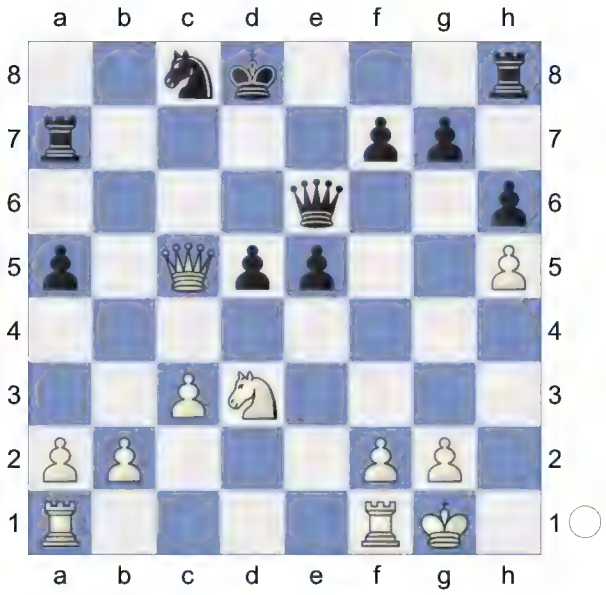


11.Nd2 4:03 **a5** 15:22 **12.h4** 6:47 **Ba6** 5:21 **13.Bxa6** 4:51 **Rxa6** 7 **14.h5** 46 **h6** 3:18 **15.Nb3** 5:46 **e5** 4:11

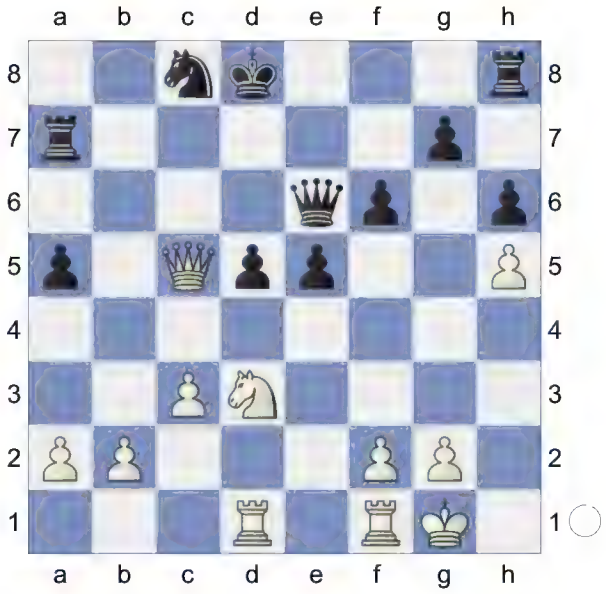
(Diagram)



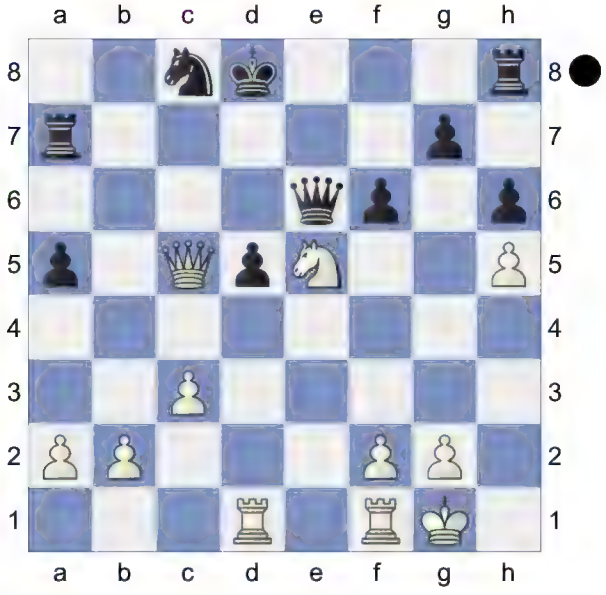
16.Nc5 6:19 **Ra7** 8 **17.Nd3** 6:21 **Nc8** 7:35 **18.exd5** 3:47 **cxd5** 6 **19.Qc5** 1:17
[19.Nxe5 Re7 20.f4 Qe6=]
19...Qe6 1.99/21 10:01
[19...Nb6± 0.53/19]
20.0-0+- 29 Threatens to win with Nxe5!
20...Kd8? 3.47/21 8:37
[20...Qa6 1.82/20 was necessary.
21.Nxe5 *(21.Qxd5 f6+-)* 21...Ne7]



21.Rad1 1:37 And now Nxe5! would win.
[Weaker is 21.c4 Re8 22.Rfe1
(22.cxd5 Qb6±; 22.Qxd5+ Qxd5 23.cxd5 e4±) 22...e4+-]
21...f6 7.50/22 1:46
[21...Rd7 2.90/21 22.Qxa5+ Qb6 23.Qxb6+ Nxb6 24.Nxe5 Rb7]



22.Nxe5! 57



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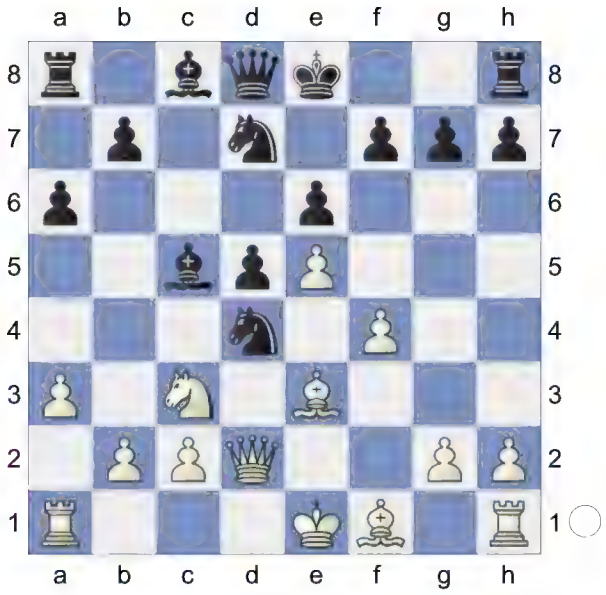
1-0

19 **C11**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
■ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (4.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4** 3 **e6** 12:50 **2.d4** 1:10 **d5** 4 **3.Nc3** 17 **Nf6** 5 **4.e5** 10 **Nfd7** 5 **5.f4** 2 **c5** 7

6.Nf3 1 **Nc6** 7 **7.Be3** 3 **a6** 7 **8.a3** 1:01 **cxd4** 43 **9.Nxd4** 5 **Bc5** 5 **10.Qd2** 34 **Nxd4** 4:05

(Diagram)



11.Bxd4 10 **Bxd4** 3 **12.Qxd4** 7 **Qb6** 2 **13.Qxb6** 15:37 **Nxb6** 6 **14.Bd3** 1:03
[14.0-0-0 Bd7 15.Bd3 h5 16.Ne2 Na4 17.Nd4 g6 18.g3 Ke7 19.b3 Nc5 20.Kd2 b5 21.Ke3 Rac8 22.h3 Rh7 23.Rh2 Rh6 24.Rdh1 Rch8 25.Nf3 Bc6 26.Kd4 Nd7 27.g4 Ba8 28.f5 gxf5 ½-½ Esipenko,A (2716)-Grischuk,A (2778) Moscow Smyslov Region Group Cup blitz 2021 (2) 29.gxf5 exf5 30.Bxf5 Nb8 31.Rg1 Nc6+ 32.Ke3 d4+ 33.Kf4 Rd8 34.Rg7 d3 35.Bxd3 Nd4 36.Nxd4 Rxd4+ 37.Ke3 Rd5 38.Rf2 Rxe5+ 39.Kd4 Rd5+ 40.Kc3 Rf6 41.Re2+ Re6 42.Rxe6+ Kxe6 43.Be4 Rd8 1-0 Esipenko,A (2679)-Theodorou,N (2591) Sharjah Masters 6th 2023 (5)]
14...Bd7 1:43 **15.Ne2** 1:02 **Ke7N** 8:41
[15...f6]

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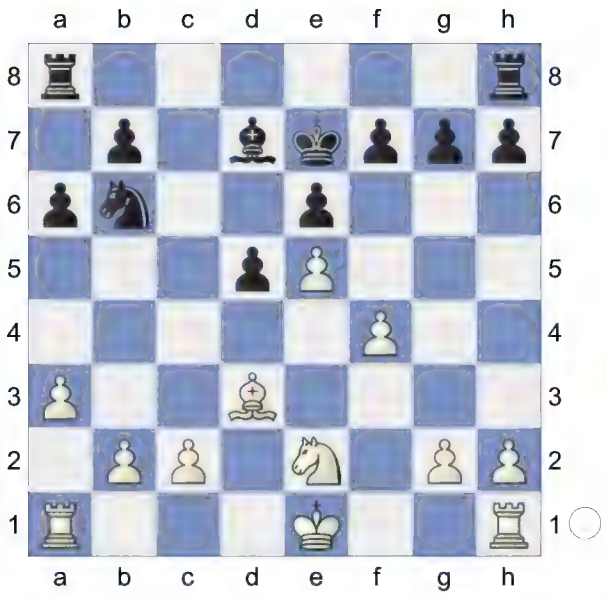
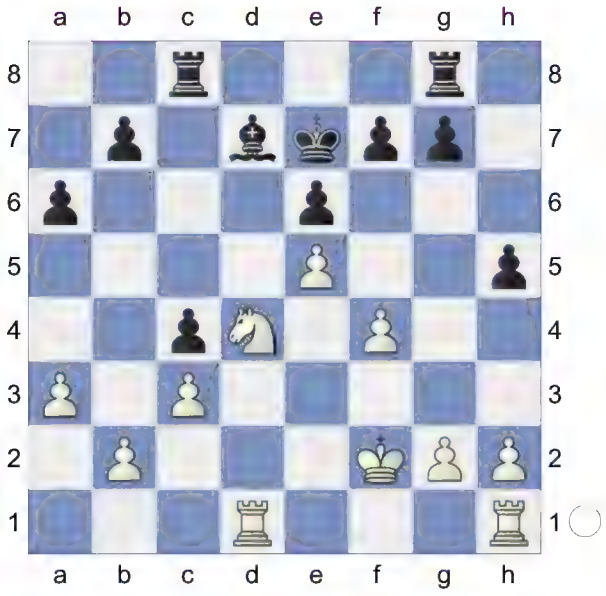
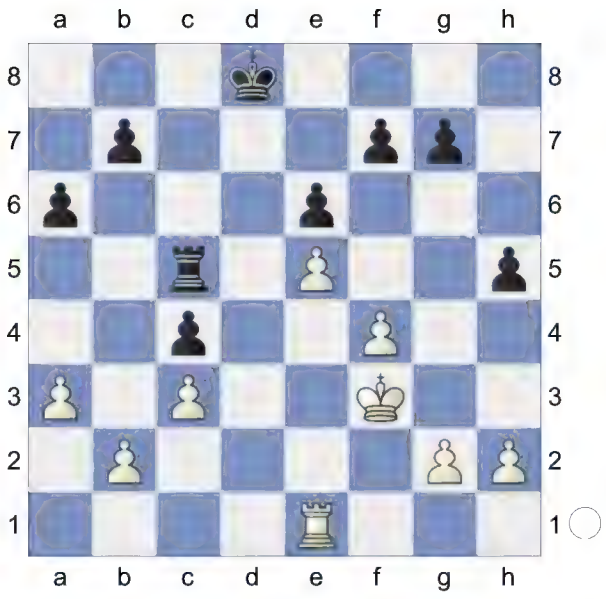


16.Nd4 1:06 **Nc4** 1:53 **17.Bxc4** 6:53 **dxc4** 11 Black is weak on the dark squares **18.Kf2** 9 **Rac8** 10:11 **19.c3** 36 **h5** 2:35 **20.Rad1** 1:43 **Rhg8** 8:06

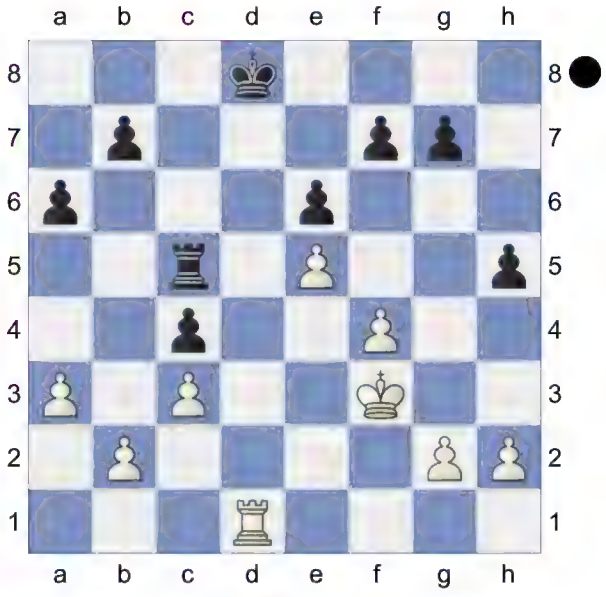


21.Rhe1 51 **Rc5** 3:53 **22.Nf3** 3:35 **Bc6** 10:40 **23.Rd4** 30 **Bxf3** 12:13 **24.Kxf3** 10 **Rd8!** 5 **25.Rxd8** 2:04 **Kxd8** 4

(Diagram)



26.Rd1+ 34



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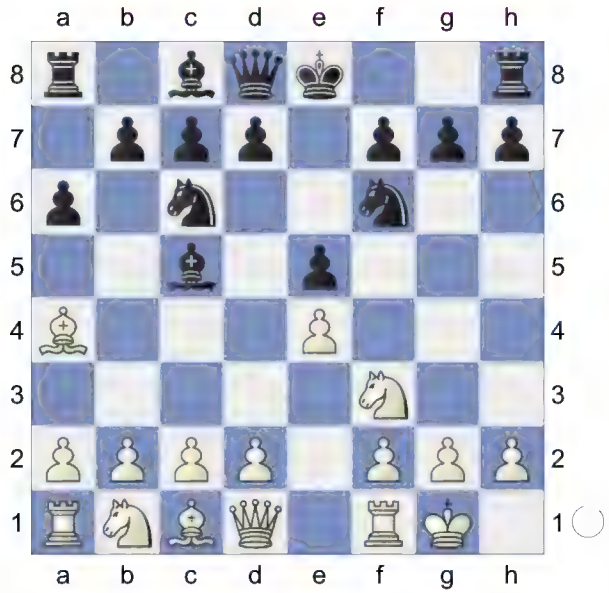
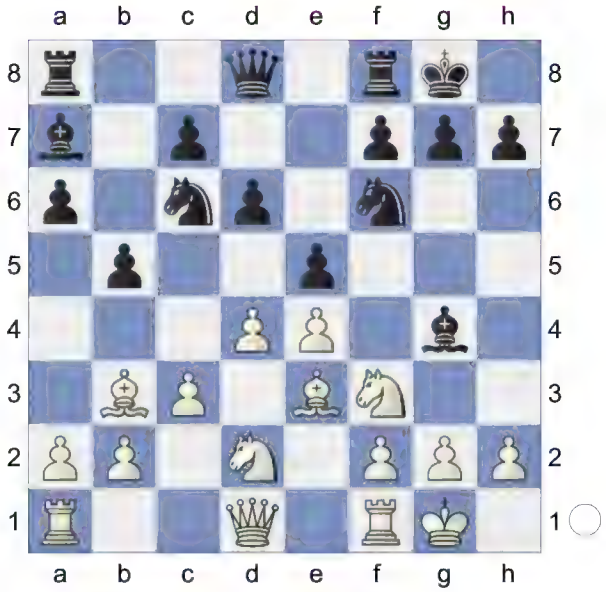
20 **C78**
□ **Moussard,Jules** **2595**
■ **Maurizzi,Marc`Andria** **2581**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (4.5)
[Kitty Kat]

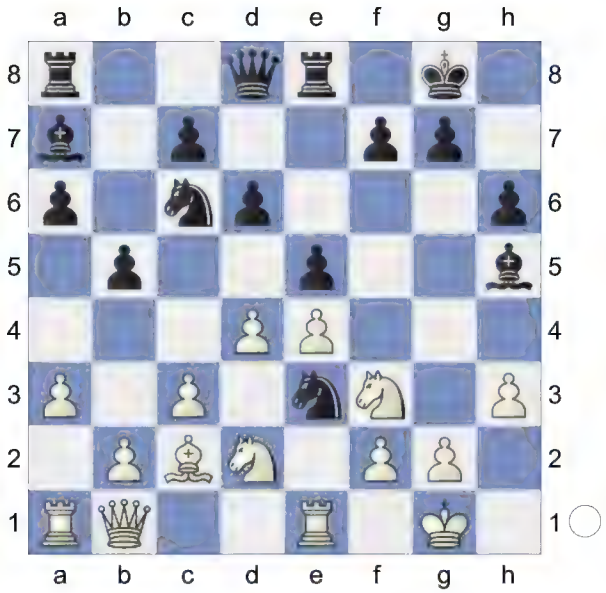
Slow 90min+30sec
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4** 3:28 **e5** 58 **2.Nf3** 6 **Nc6** 2 **3.Bb5** 6 **a6** 1:00 **4.Ba4** 8 **Nf6** 4 **5.0-0** 17 **Bc5** 50



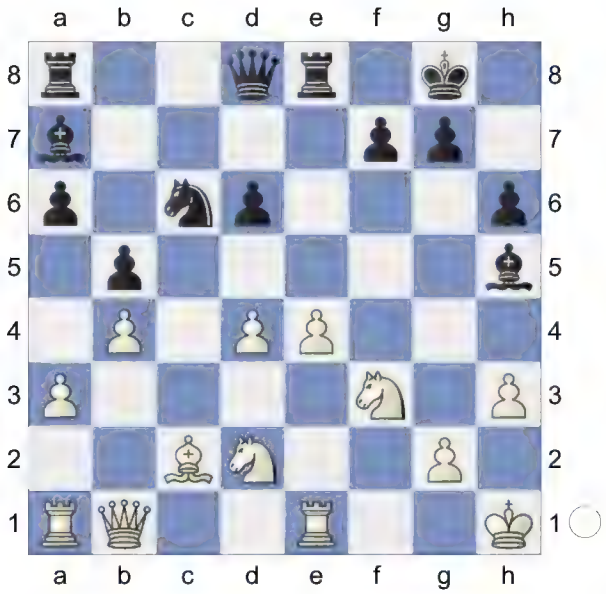
6.c3 5:02 **Ba7N** 23
[6...b5 7.Bb3 *(7.Bc2 d5 8.a4 dxe4 9.axb5 exf3 10.Qxf3 e4 11.Bxe4 Ne5 12.Qe2 0-0 13.d4 Bg4 14.Qc2 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nf3+ 16.gxf3 Bh3 17.Re1 Bd6 18.Rxa6 Rb8 19.c4 Qf6 20.Rxd6 cxd6 21.Bf4 Bd7* 0-1 Zilka,S (2533)-Lampert,J (2488) Mitropa Cup 35th Prague 2016 (7.3)) 7...d6 8.a4 Bb7 9.d4 Bb6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 exd4 13.cxd4 g5 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Nxd4 16.Bd5 Ne6 17.Bh4 Bxd5 18.exd5 Ng7 19.Qf3 Re8 20.Nc3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 Bd4 22.Re4 Bxf2+ 23.Qxf2 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Qc8 25.Nf6+ Kf8 26.g4 bxa4 27.Bg5 Qb7 28.Bh6 a3 29.bxa3 Rb8 30.Nh5 Qb1+ 31.Kg2 Qe4+ 32.Kg3 Rb3+ 33.Kh4 Qe7+ 34.Nf6 Rb1 35.Bg5 Qe1 36.Qxe1 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8]
[6...0-0 7.d4 Bb6 *(7...Ba7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.cxd4 g5 11.Nxg5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Bxd4 13.Nc3 b5 14.Bb3 Qe8 15.Nd5 Nh7 16.Qg4 d6 17.Qg3 Qe5 18.Nf6+ Nxf6 19.Bf4+ Kh8 20.Bxe5 Nxe5 21.Rad1 Bb6 22.Kh1* 0-1 Shevchenko,K (2694)-Svidler,P (2688) HUN-ch Rapid Ajka 2023 (13)) 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 d6 10.h3 g5 11.Nxg5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Kh7 13.Bxc6 Rg8 14.f4 bxc6 15.Qe1 Rxg5 16.fxg5 Ng8 17.Rxf7+ Kg6 18.Rf3 exd4 19.Kh1 Qe7 20.Nd2 dxc3 21.bxc3 1-0 Panov Botvinnik Attack (2784)-Deslandes,P (2835) 3.---1990 (7)]
7.d4 8:53 **b5** 22 **8.Bb3** 7:32 **d6** 29 **9.Be3** 2:27 **0-0** 4:44 The position is equal. **10.Nbd2** 2:31 **Bg4** 8:43



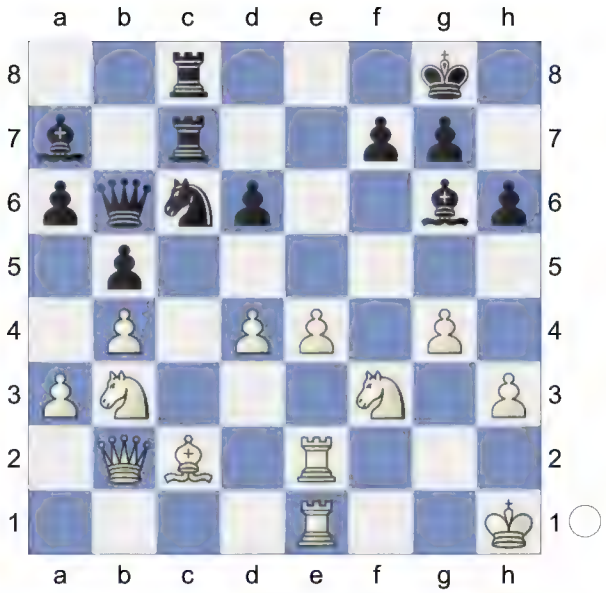
11.Qb1 4:10 **Bh5** 4:57 **12.a3** 5:32 **Re8** 3:01 **13.Re1** 7:52 **h6** 11:40 **14.Bc2** 11:28 **Ng4** 4:32 **15.h3** 6:47 **Nxe3** 1:40 (Diagram)



16.fxe3 4 **Ne7** 27 **17.b4** 1:14 **c5** 7:25
18.Kh1 -0.84/18 20
[18.d5∓ -0.46/18]
18...cxd4∓ 3:25 **19.cxd4** 30 **exd4** 52
20.exd4 33 **Nc6** 5
[20...Ng6 seems wilder. 21.Qb3 Nh4 22.e5 dxe5 23.dxe5 Rc8]



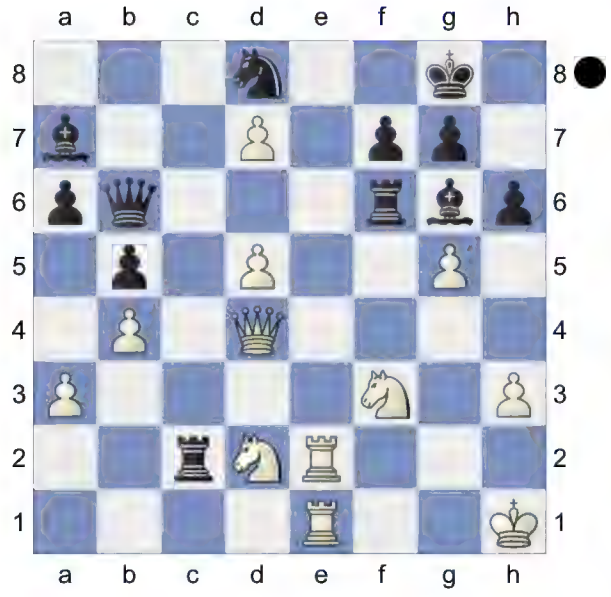
21.Qb2 2:17 **Qb6** 3 Black is more active. **22.g4** 3:16 **Bg6** 28 **23.Nb3** 9 **Rac8** 1:37 **24.Re2** 17:48 **Re7** 8:25 **25.Rae1** 1:16 **Rec7** 29
(Diagram)



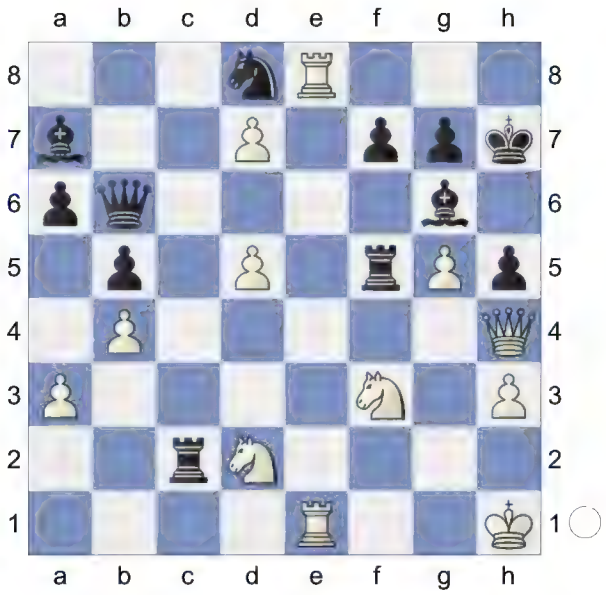
26.Bb1 2:00 **Nd8** -0.23/18 3:56
[Black should try 26...a5∓ -0.85/19 27.bxa5 Nxa5]
27.e5 -1.03/20 1:35
[27.d5!= -0.23/18 remains equal.]
27...Rc3 8:35 White is on the road to losing. **28.Nbd2** -2.10/20 3:15
[28.Bxg6? Rxf3 *(28...fxg6 29.Re3=)* 29.e6 *(29.Kg2? Rcc3-+)* 29...Nxe6 *(29...fxg6 30.e7±; 29...Rxh3+? 30.Kg2+-)* 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7-+]
[28.Re3∓ -1.12/20 Rxe3 29.Rxe3 Bxb1 30.Qxb1]
28...Bxb1 2:57 **29.exd6** -2.18/21 1:29
[29.Qxb1∓ -1.55/22 d5 *(29...Rxa3? 30.exd6 Ne6 31.d5+-)* 30.Re3]
29...Bg6-+ 1:54 **30.d7** 5 **R8c6** 47

(Diagram)

31.d5 -3.30/19 1:05
[31.Re8+ -2.18/20 was called for. Kh7 32.Rf8 Rxf3 33.Nxf3]
31...Rc2 1:04 **32.Qd4** 2:28 **Rf6** -1.84/22 3:34
[32...Qxd4 33.Nxd4 Bxd4 34.Re8+ Kh7 35.dxc6=]
[⌓32...R6c3 -3.22/21 33.Qxb6 Bxb6 34.Re8+ Kh7]
33.g5? -4.05/21 40
[33.Qxb6 -1.84/22 Bxb6 34.Re8+ Kh7 35.Rf8]



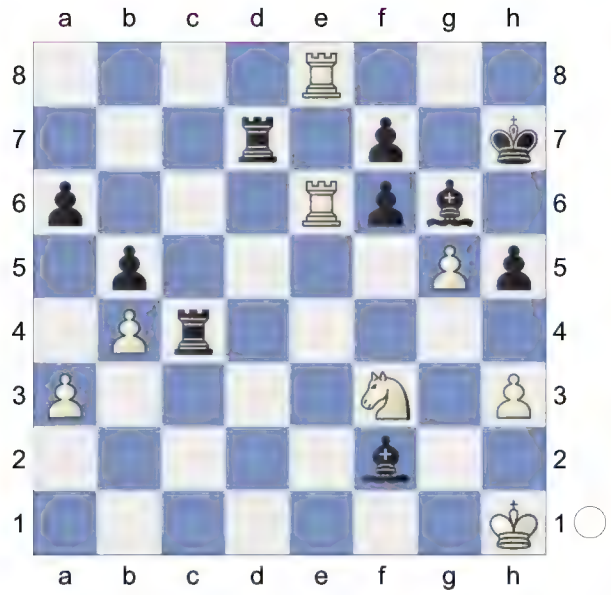
33...Rf5 1:05
[33...Qxd4? 34.Nxd4 Bxd4 *(34...hxg5? 35.Re8+ Kh7 36.Nxc2+-)* 35.gxf6 Bxf6 *(35...gxf6? 36.Re8+ Kg7 37.Rxd8+-)* 36.Nb3 *(36.Re8+ Kh7-+)* 36...Rxe2 37.Rxe2∓]
34.Re8+ 25 **Kh7** 1 Black is clearly winning. **35.Qh4** -8.58/20 17
[⌓35.Qxb6 -5.06/18 Bxb6 36.R1e5]
35...h5 2:32
[35...Rxd5? is the wrong capture. 36.gxh6 Bh5 37.Qe4+ *(37.Qxd8? Qxd8 38.Rxd8 Rdxd2-+; 37.Rxd8? Rcxd2 38.Qe4+ Qg6-+)* 37...Qg6 38.Qxd5+-]



36.Rf8 13 **Rxd5** 56 **37.Ne4** 36 **Rc4** 2:23 **38.Nf6+** 58 **gxf6** 1 **39.Qg3** 11 **Ne6** 1:07 **40.Re8** 32 **Qf2** 56

(Diagram)

41.Qxf2 22 **Bxf2** 1 **42.R1xe6** 6 **Rxd7** 41



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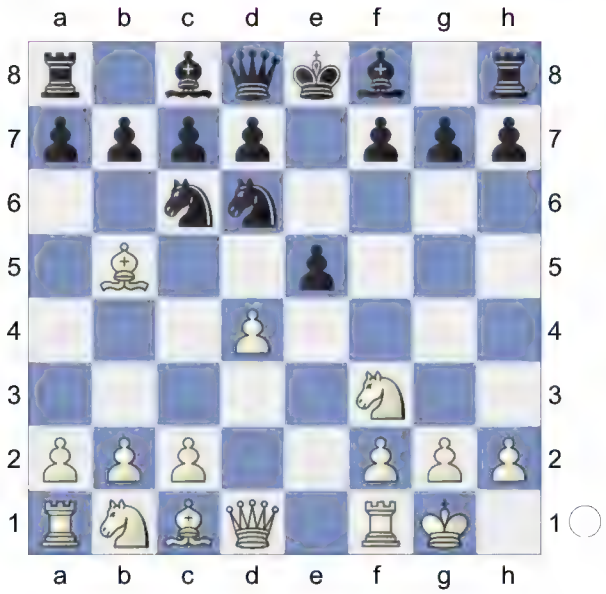
21 **C67**
□ **Maurizzi,Marc`Andria** **2581**
■ **Navara,David** **2677**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (5.1)
[Kitty Kat]

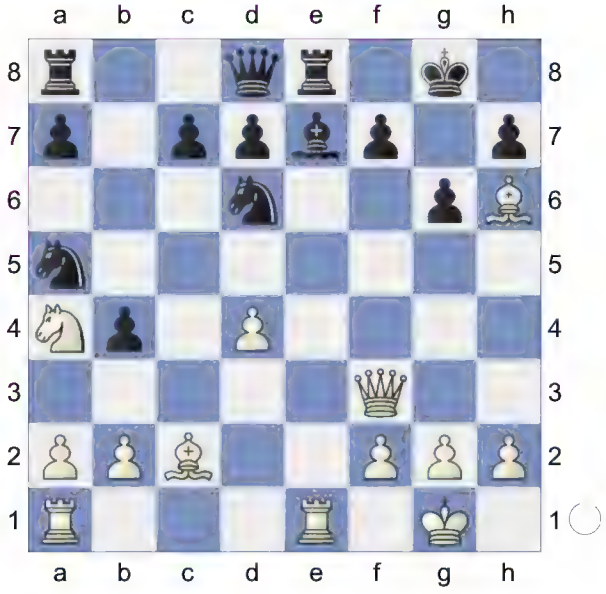
Slow 90min+30sec
C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 LesEchecs.com: 'C67: Partie espagnole (défense berlinoise ouverte) '
1.e4 1:31:00 **e5** 5 **2.Nf3** 0 **Nc6** 5 **3.Bb5** 0 **Nf6** 5 **4.0-0** 0 **Nxe4** 5 **5.d4** 0 **Nd6** 9



6.Ba4 0 **exd4** 1:03 **7.c3** 0 **Be7** 2:05
8.cxd4 0 **b5** 53 **9.Bb3** 0 **0-0** 6:09
10.Re1 0 **Bb7** 3:47

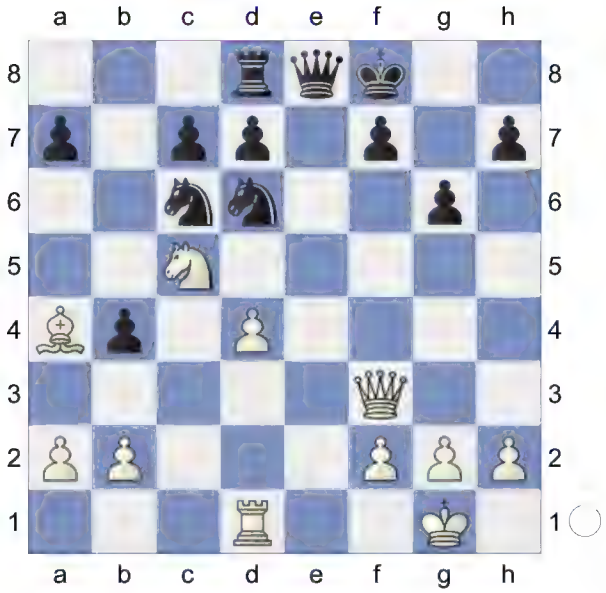
(Diagram)

11.Nc3 0 **Na5** 1:43 **12.Bc2** 0 **b4N** 8:38
[12...f5 13.Qe2 b4 14.Qxe7 bxc3 15.bxc3 Be4 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Bd1 Nb5 18.Bg5 Re8 19.Rc1 Bd5 20.Re5 c6 21.Rxf5 Nc4 22.Ba4 a6 23.Ne5 Ncd6 24.Rf4 h6 25.Bh4 g5 26.Rg4 Ne4 27.c4 0-1 Sulskis,S (2545)-Aleksandrov,A (2635) Dubai (7eme open) 2005 (3)]
13.Na4 0 **Bxf3** 17:11 **14.Qxf3** 0 **g6** 14
15.Bh6 0 **Re8** 39



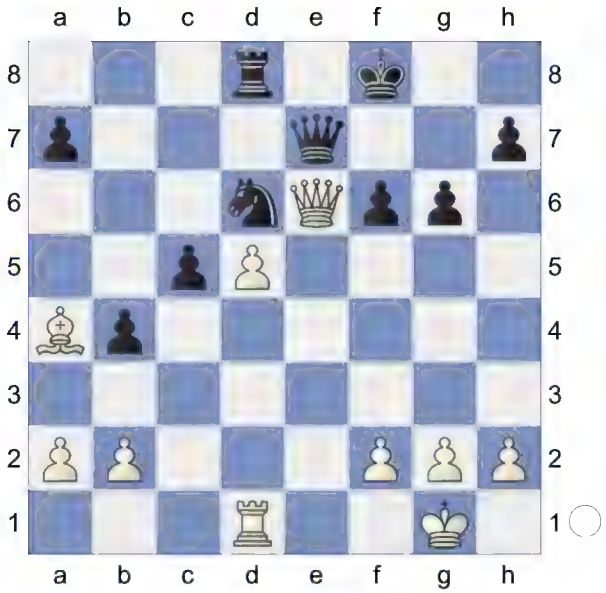
16.Nc5 0 **Nc6** 0.87/18 6:38
[16...Rc8= 0.26/18 keeps the

balance.]
17.Rad1± 0 White has more active pieces. **17...Bf8** 1:52 **18.Rxe8** 0 **Qxe8** 1:30 **19.Bxf8** 0 **Kxf8** 23 **20.Ba4** 0.85/20 0
[20.Kf1± 0.42/20 Kg7 21.Ba4]
20...Rd8 5:45

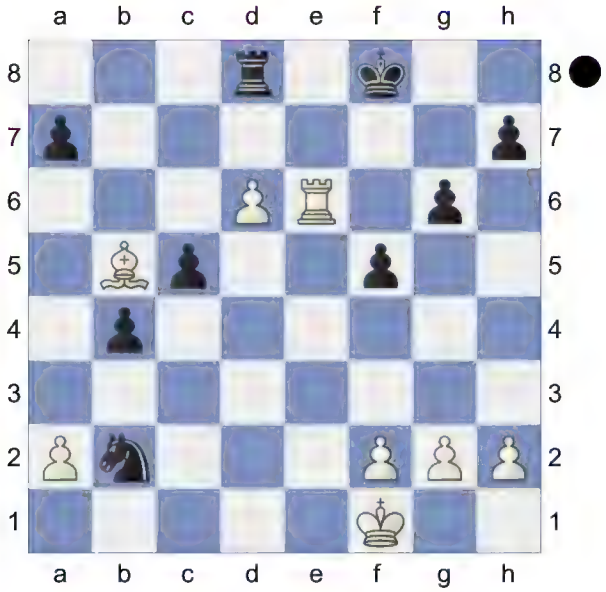


21.d5 0 **Ne5** 1:36 **22.Qf4** 0
[22.Qf6!? Kg8 23.b3+-]
22...Qe7 4:40 **23.Ne6+** 0 **dxe6** 5:18
24.Qxe5 0 **f6** 1:07
[24...Kg8 25.dxe6 Qxe6 26.Qxe6 fxe6 27.Rc1±]
25.Qxe6 0 **c5** 8:59

(Diagram)



26.Re1 0 **Qxe6** 2:52 **27.Rxe6=** 0
Endgame. KRB-KRN **27...f5** 1:17
28.Kf1 -0.64/20 0
[28.Bc6= -0.26/21]
28...Nc4 -0.03/22 4:06
[28...Ne4∓ -0.64/20]
29.Bb5 -1.12/21 0
[29.Bc6!= -0.03/22]
29...Nxb2∓ 2:17 **30.d6** 0



Hoping for d7. **30...Kf7** 1:37

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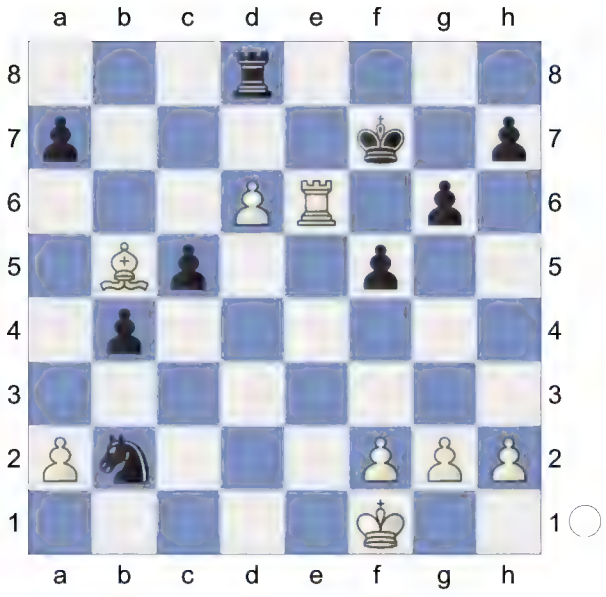
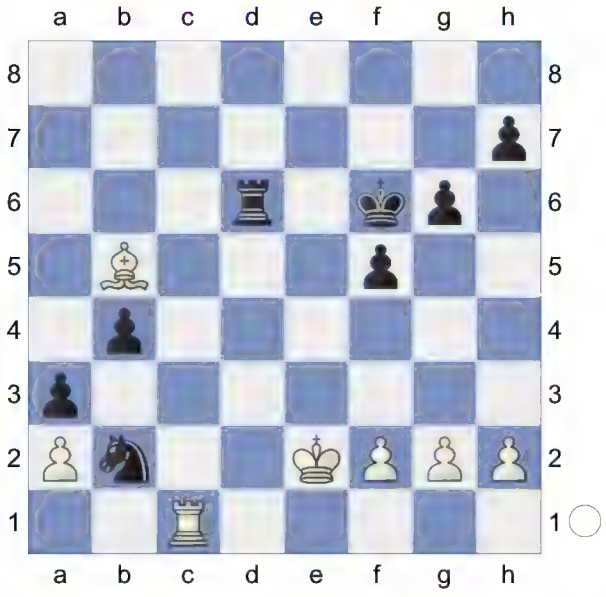
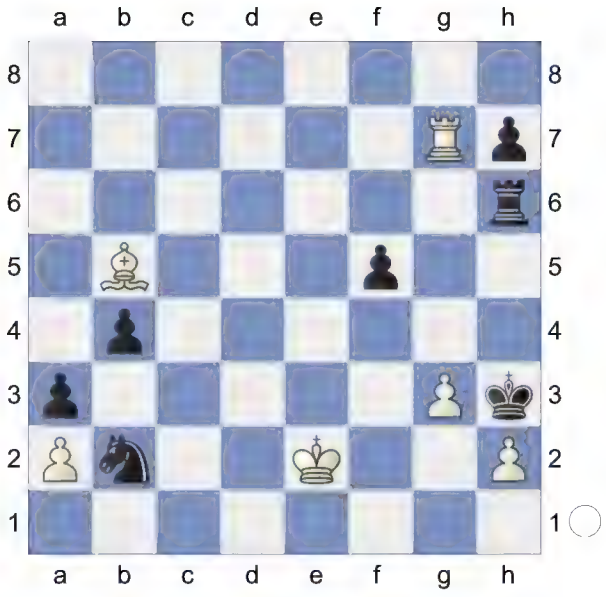


31.Re7+ 0 **Kf6** 48 **32.Rc7** -1.82/23 0
[32.Rxa7∓ -1.43/22 Rxd6 33.Rc7]
32...Rxd6-+ 1:44 **33.Rxc5** 0 **a5** 3:56
34.Ke2 0 **a4** 1:40 **35.Rc1** -2.46/22 0
[35.f4 -1.78/21 was worth a try.]
35...a3 1:14

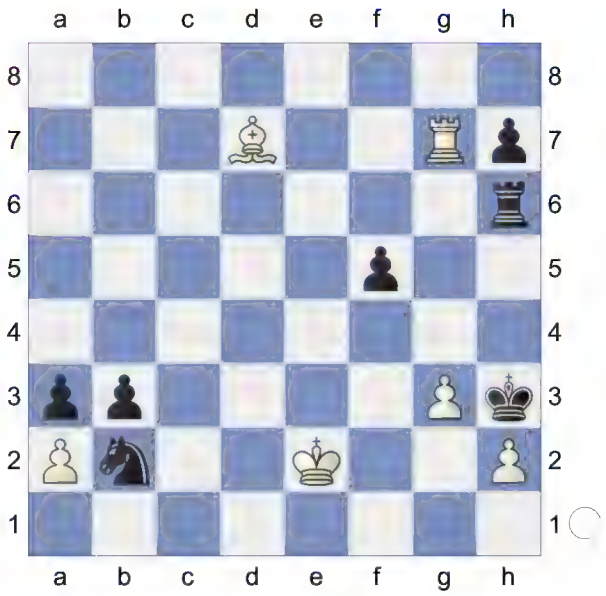


36.f4 0 **g5** 2:14 **37.fxg5+** 14 **Kxg5** 6
38.g3 1:12 **Kg4** 4:26 And now ...Rd5 would win. **39.Rc7** -2.22/19 2:21
[39.Kf2∓ -1.53/20]
39...Rh6 31 **40.Rg7+** 2:36 **Kh3** 4

(Diagram)

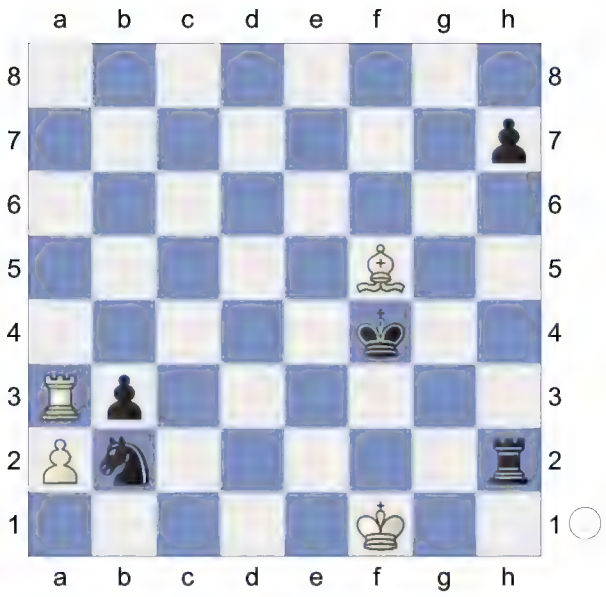


41.Bd7 17 **b3?** -0.36/21 54
[41...Kxh2-+ -1.90/20 aiming for ...b3! 42.Bxf5 Na4]

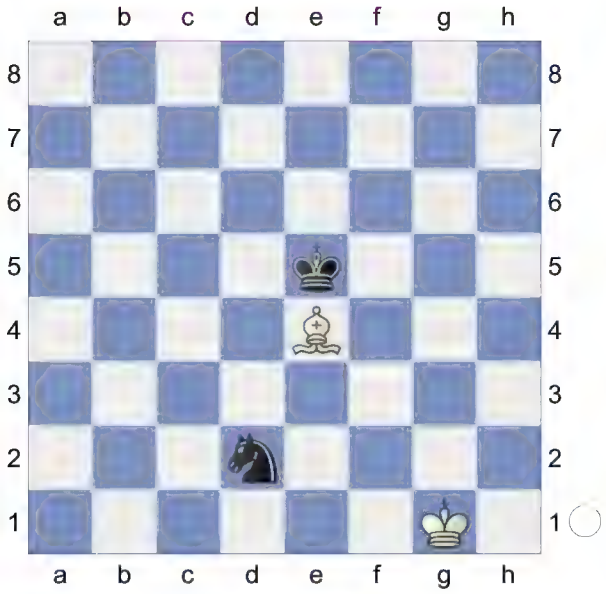


42.Bxf5+∓ 1:21 **Kxh2** 31 **43.Ra7** 2:24
Kxg3 26
[But not 43...bxa2 44.Rxa3 a1Q 45.Rxa1=]
44.Rxa3 1:03 **Rh2+** 29 **45.Kf1!** 1:32
Kf4 33

(Diagram)



46.Kg1 1:01 The position is equal.
46...Rd2 34 **47.Bxh7** 12 **bxa2** 29
48.Rxa2 10 **Nc4** 22 **49.Rxd2** 2 **Nxd2** 5
50.Be4 10:05 **Ke5** 30



White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

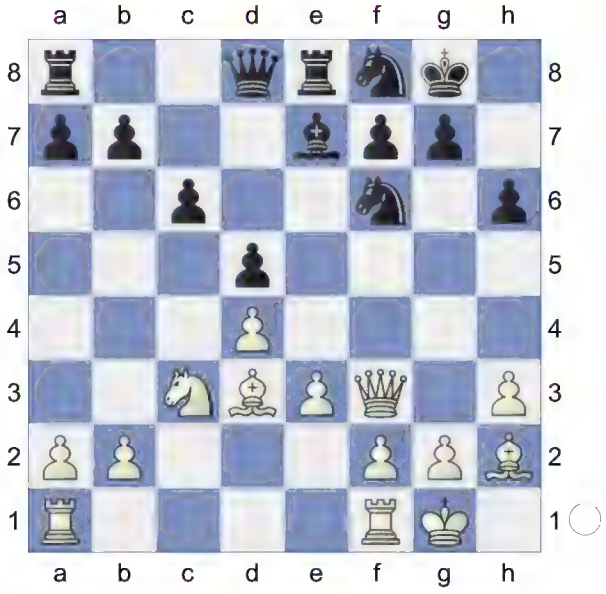
22 **D35**
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**
■ **Moussard,Jules** **2595**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4** 3:30 **Nf6** 4 **2.c4** 4 **e6** 10 **3.Nc3** 7 **d5** 24 **4.cxd5** 6 **exd5** 3 **5.Bg5** 5 **c6** 12

6.e3 5 **h6** 6 **7.Bh4** 9 **Be7** 20 **8.Bd3** 1:43 **0-0** 9 **9.Bg3** 1:03 **Re8** 3:42 **10.Nf3** 3:24 **Bg4** 1:32

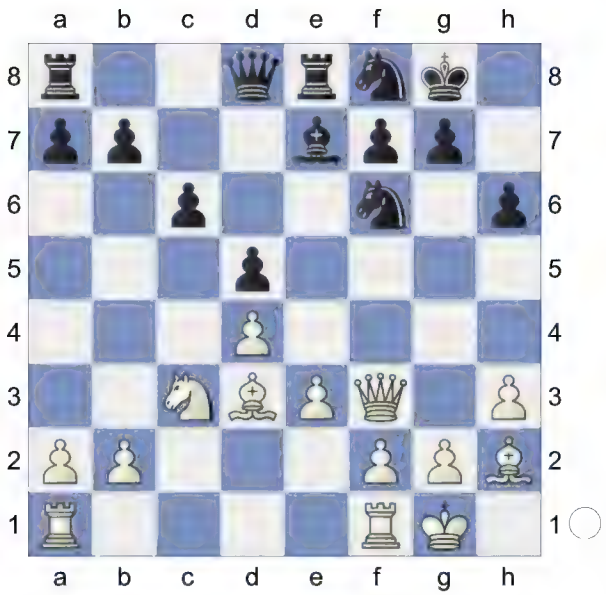
(Diagram)

11.h3 7:08 **Bxf3** 1:00 **12.Qxf3** 6 **Nbd7** 40 **13.0-0** 40 **Nf8** 40 **14.Be5** 2:40 **N6d7** 5:13 **15.Bh2** 25 **Nf6** 1:16



16.Be5N 1:00
[16.Rab1 a5 17.Be5 N6d7 18.Bh2 Nf6 19.Be5 N6d7 ½-½ Rolletschek,H (2411)-Stalmach,K (2403) 39/(224) Hastings 1984 (3)]
16...N6d7 6 **17.Bh2** 4 **Nf6** 3

(Diagram)



Not much happened in this game.
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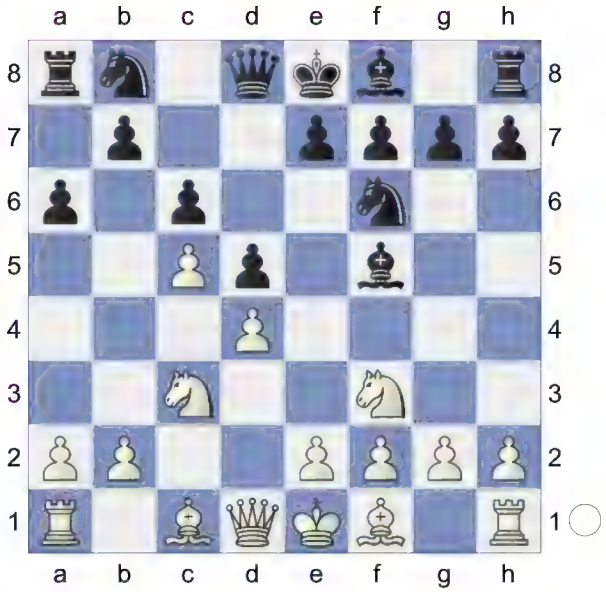
½-½

23 **D15**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (5.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D15: Slav Defence: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4 Keres,Paul: 'Keres, P: 'Inf 15/19'' **1.c4** 39 **Nf6** 14 **2.Nc3** 11 **c6** 36 **3.d4N** 1:05
[3.e4 d5 4.e5 *(4.cxd5 cxd5 5.e5 d4 6.exf6 dxc3 7.bxc3 gxf6 8.d4 Bf5 9.Nf3 e6 10.Be2 Qc7 11.c4 Bd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.d5 Nd7 14.Nd4 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5 16.Nxf5 Bxa1 17.d6 Qa5 18.Bd3 Kh8* ½-½ Castro Quijano,E (2453)-B3 (2447) Correspondence 2007 (5.5) *)*
A) 4...d4 5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 *(6.fxg7 cxd2+ 7.Bxd2 Bxg7 8.Qc2 Nd7 9.Ne2 Nf6 10.Ng3 Qc7 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.Bc3 0-0-0 13.0-0-0 Ne8 14.Rhe1 e6 15.Bxg7 Nxg7 16.Qc3 Nf5 17.Qf6 Rhf8 18.Re5 Kb8 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Qd6 Be6* ½-½ Keres,P-Smith,K 15/19 San Antonio 1972*)* 6...gxf6 7.d4 Qa5 8.Qb3 Bf5 9.Ne2 Qc7 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Be2 Nd7 12.f4 f5 13.0-0 h5 14.Nh1 h4 15.Nf2 Bh5 16.Bxh5 Rxh5 17.Rb1 b6 18.Re1 e6 19.Qd1 ½-½ 5.f3 c6 6.Qd2 b5 (2638)-Panov Botvinnik Attack (2616) 8th TCh-Eur w Novi Sad SRB 2009;
B) 4...Nfd7 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nb6 9.Bd3 Nd5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Ne4 h6 12.a3 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.b4 Be7 16.Bb2 Bd7 17.Nd4 0-0 1-0 Golombek,H-Horowitz,I Olympiad-06 Warsaw 1935 (19)]

3...d5 4 **4.Nf3** 5 **a6** 38 **5.c5** 6:12 **Bf5** 2:16



6.Qb3 4:49 **Ra7** 8:24 **7.Bf4** 18 **Nbd7** 28 **8.h3** 2:12 **e6** 31 White is slightly better. **9.e3** 1:52 **Be7** 10 **10.Be2** 1:53 **Ne4** 2:04

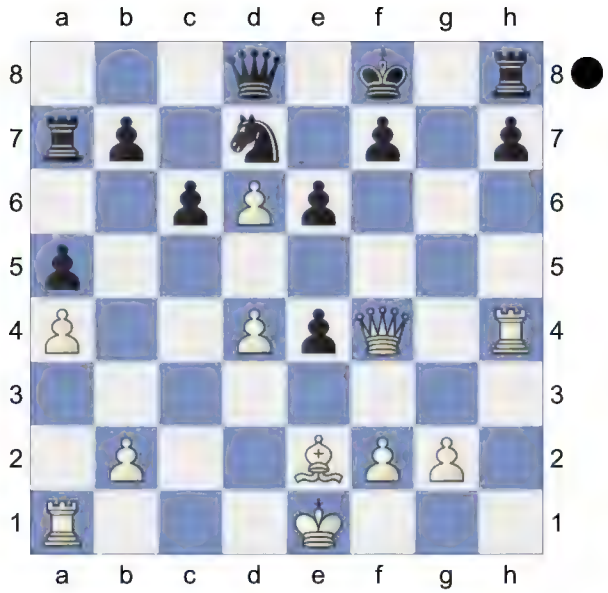
11.a3 16:18 **Qc8** 2:43 **12.Nxe4** 11:04 **Bxe4** 1:19 **13.Nd2** 2 **g5** 3:49 **14.Bd6** 0.32/20 2:22
[⌓14.Bg3 0.68/18]
14...Bxd6 4:49 **15.cxd6** 32 **Bg6** 15
[15...Bxg2 16.Rg1 *(16.Rh2 Be4±)* 16...Be4 *(16...Bxh3 17.e4±)*

17.Rxg5 *(17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Bh5 Nf6±)*]

16.a4 6:01 **a5** 5:29 **17.h4** 7:44 **gxh4** 24
18.e4 2:37 **Bxe4** 1:51 **19.Nxe4** 45
[Reject 19.Rxh4 Qd8 20.Qg3 Bg6=]
19...dxe4 1 **20.Rxh4** 1 **Qd8** 1:04:25

21.Qg3 1:10 **Kf8** 0 **22.Qf4** 6:06

(Diagram)



Black must now prevent Qh6+. White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **22...Qf6** 1.25/19 0
[22...Rg8± 0.63/20]
23.Qxe4± 26 **Ra8** 2.17/20 0
[23...Rg8± 1.28/20]
24.Ra3+- 2:13 Rf3! would now be deadly.
[And not 24.Rxh7 Rxh7 25.Qxh7 Qxd4=]
24...Qg5? 5.74/26 0
[24...Rg8 1.86/22 is a better chance. 25.Rxh7 Qg6 26.Qxg6 Rxg6 27.Rh8+ Rg8 28.Rxg8+ *(28.Rah3 Rd8±)* 28...Kxg8]
25.Rf3 6:18

(Diagram)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.46

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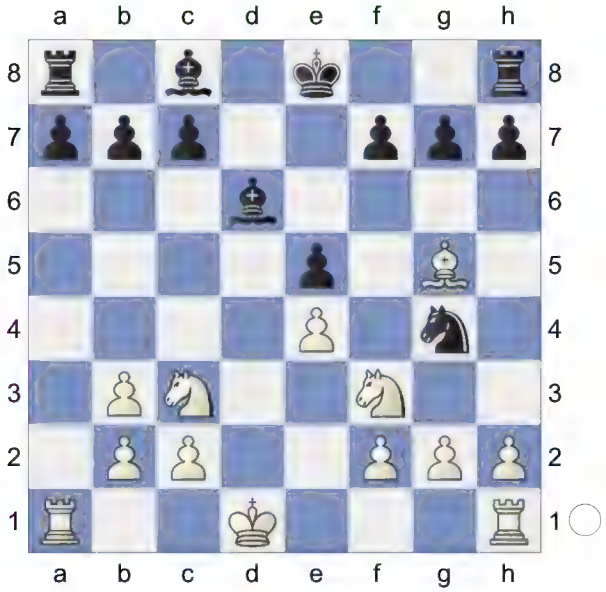
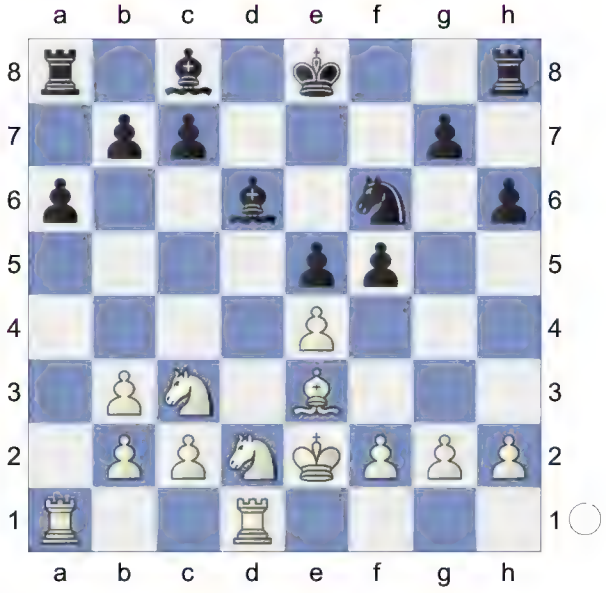
24 **C28**
□ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
■ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (5.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C28: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nc6
1.e4 3:09 **e5** 14 **2.Nc3** 35 **Nc6** 2:25 **3.Bc4** 23 **Nf6** 13 **4.d3** 17 **Na5** 39 **5.Bb3** 16 **Nxb3** 49

6.axb3 3 **d5** 17 **7.Nf3** 24 **dxe4** 26 **8.dxe4** 12 next Qxd8+ is good for White.
[8.Nxe5 exd3 9.0-0 Be7 10.Nxd3 0-0 11.Qf3 c6 12.h3 Re8 13.Rd1 Be6 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Bf4 Qc8 16.Be5 Nd7 17.Bd4 b6 *(17...f6)* 18.Ne4 c5 19.Bc3 f6 20.Nf4 Bf7 21.Rd2 Nf8 22.Rad1 Qc7 1-0 Gazi,M (2702)-Molina,R (2876) corr 30/693 1980 (7.14)]
8...Qxd1+ 15 **9.Kxd1** 6 The position is equal. **9...Bd6** 40 **10.Bg5** 21 **Ng4N** 1:48
[10...Nd7 11.Nd2 0-0 *(11...c6 12.Nc4 Bc7 13.Be3 a6 14.Ke2 Ke7 15.b4* #8 2) Vienna - Two Knights-Vienna 4... Na5: 6... d5*)* 12.Nb5 a6 13.Nxd6 cxd6 14.Be7 #6 2) Vienna - Two Knights-Vienna 4... Na5: 6... d5]



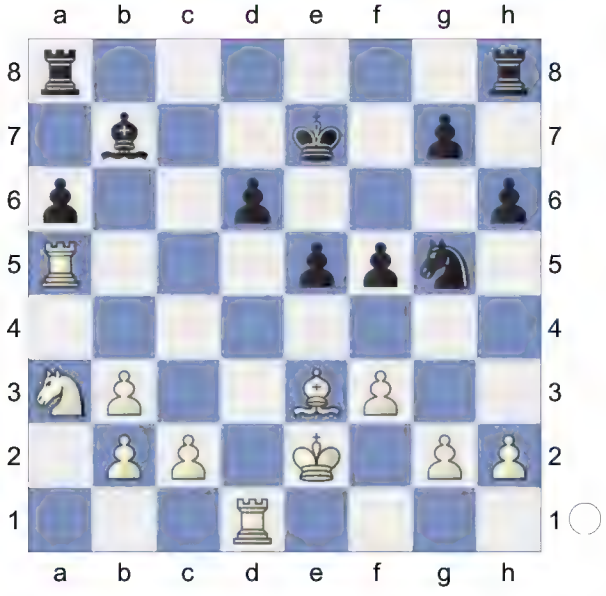
11.Ke2 3:21 **f5** 3:40 **12.Rhd1** 26:56 **h6** 7:50 **13.Be3** 7:26 **Nf6** 6:51 **14.Nd2** 7:58 **a6** 6:52



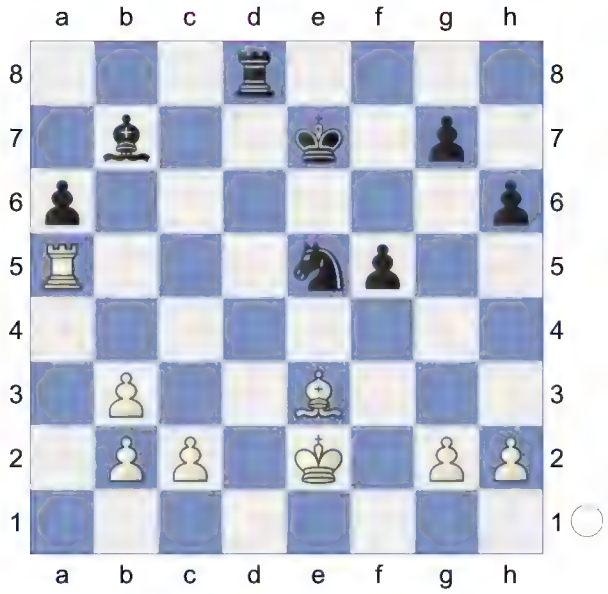
...f4 would now be deadly. **15.Nc4** 4:43 **Ke7** 3:32
[15...f4 simplifies 16.Bb6 Ke7 17.Nxd6 cxd6 18.Ba5 b5]

(Diagram)

16.Ra5 3:23 White wants to play Bc5.
16...b5 1.03/20 6:12
[16...fxe4= 0.05/18 keeps the balance. 17.Bc5 Rd8]
17.Nxd6± 3:52 **cxd6** 1:57 **18.Nxb5** 18 White is much more active. **18...Nxe4** 10:45 **19.f3** 0.51/22 4:03
[Better is 19.Nc7± 0.93/19 Rb8 20.Nd5+ *(20.Nxa6 Rb5±)* 20...Kf7 21.Bb6]
19...Bb7± 6:29 **20.Na3** 6:04 **Ng5** 3:44

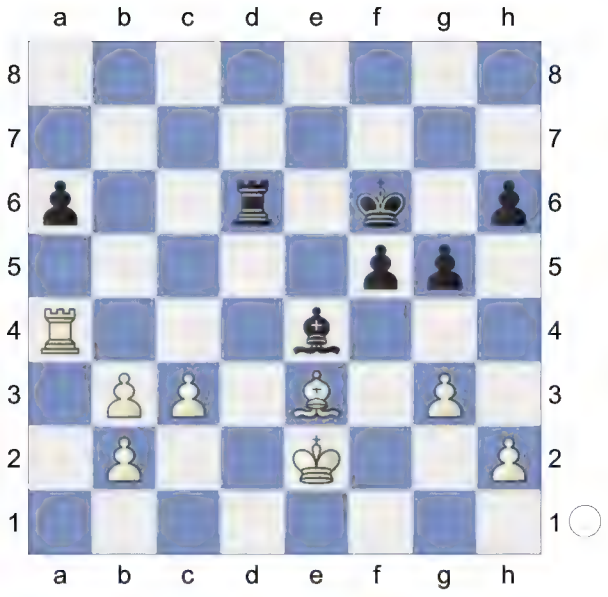


21.Nc4 24 **Nf7** 27 **22.f4** 1:45 **Rad8** 0.74/18 12:55 Black is weak on the dark squares
[22...Rac8± 0.33/19]
23.fxe5± 5:08 **dxe5** 7 **24.Rxd8** 32
[24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Rxe5+ Kf6 26.Rxd8 Rxd8±]
24...Rxd8 1:03 **25.Nxe5** 13 **Nxe5** 1:39

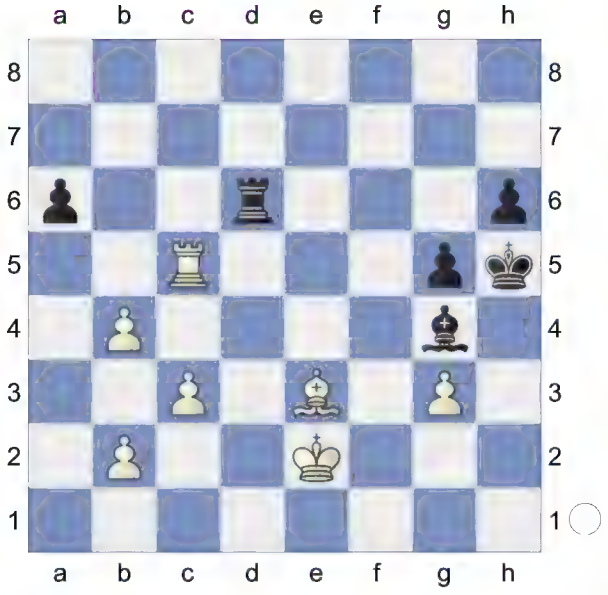


26.Rxe5+ 2 Endgame. KRB-KRB
26...Kf6 15 **27.Ra5** 7 **g5** 3:00 **28.g3** 23 **Rd5** 1.23/21 4:09
[⌓28...Kg6 0.76/20]
29.Ra4 0.61/22 10
[29.Rxd5± 1.23/21 Bxd5 30.c4]
29...Rd6 0.97/20 1:40
[29...Rb5± 0.61/22 feels stronger.]
30.c3 3:30 **Be4** 45

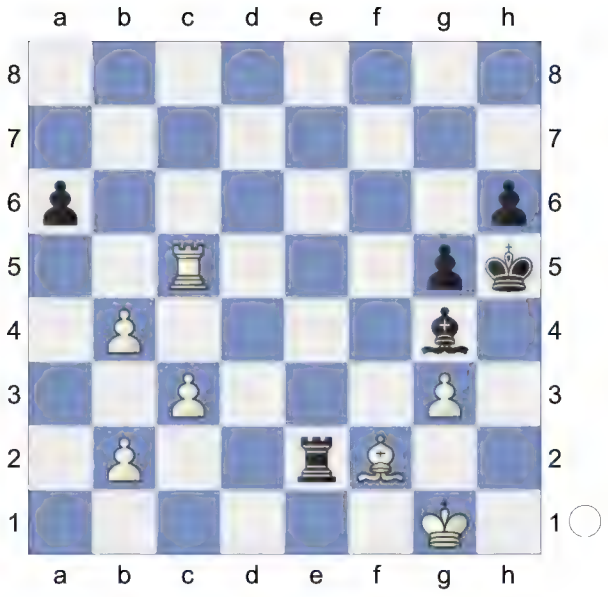
(Diagram)



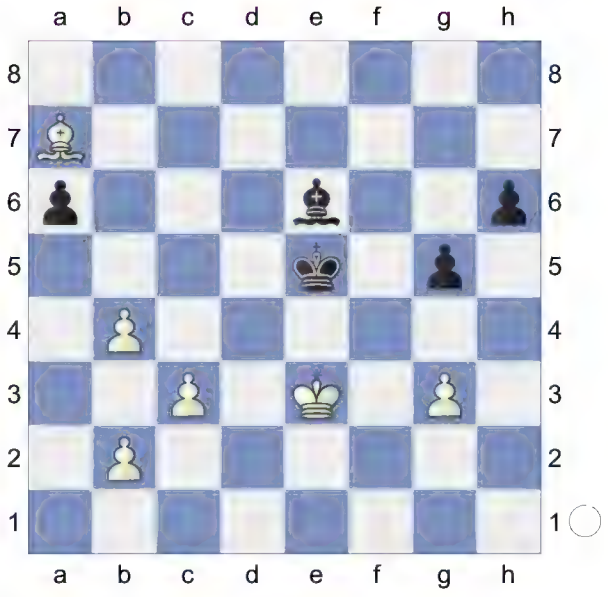
31.Ra5 19 **Kg6** 1:35 **32.b4** 0.31/20 4:43
[32.Bc5± 0.79/20 Re6 33.Kf2]
32...Kh5± 27 **33.h3** 12 **Bg2** 1:10
34.Rxf5 2:37 **Bxh3** 7 **35.Rc5** 14 **Bg4+** 4:12



36.Kf2 1:02 **Rf6+** 29 **37.Kg1** 0.01/21 16
[White should try 37.Ke1± 0.63/22]
37...Re6= 1:56 **38.Bf2** 1:34 **Re2** 38
39.Rc6 3:53 **Re6** 0.72/24 3:46
[39...Rxb2= -0.01/22 40.Rxa6 Bf5]
40.Rc5 -0.01/22 11
[40.Rxe6± 0.72/24 Bxe6 41.Bb6]
40...Re2 27



41.Rc6 2:22 **Re6** 0.71/22 21
[41...Rxb2= -0.01/22 remains equal.
42.Rxa6 Bc8]
42.Rxe6± 20 **Bxe6** 5 KB-KB **43.Ba7** 3:17 **Kg4** 22 **44.Kf2** 1 **Kf5** 35 **45.Ke3** 11 **Ke5** 25



46.Bb8+ 0.15/25 1:34
[46.Bc5± 0.74/22]
46...Kd5= 18 **47.b3** 10 **h5** 5:29

(Diagram)

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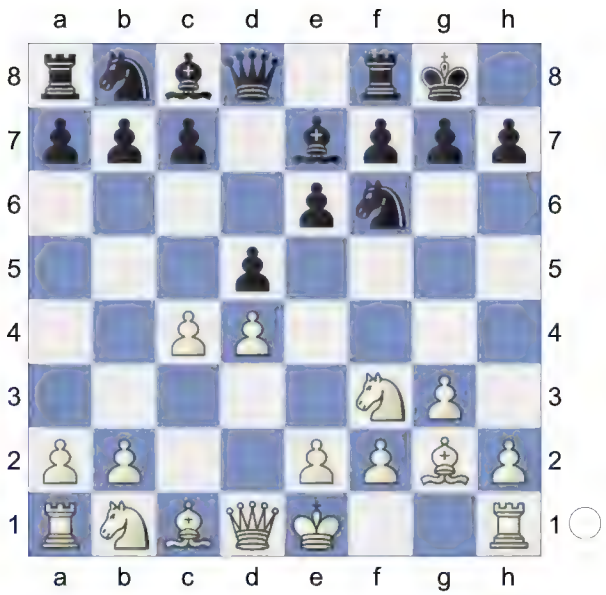
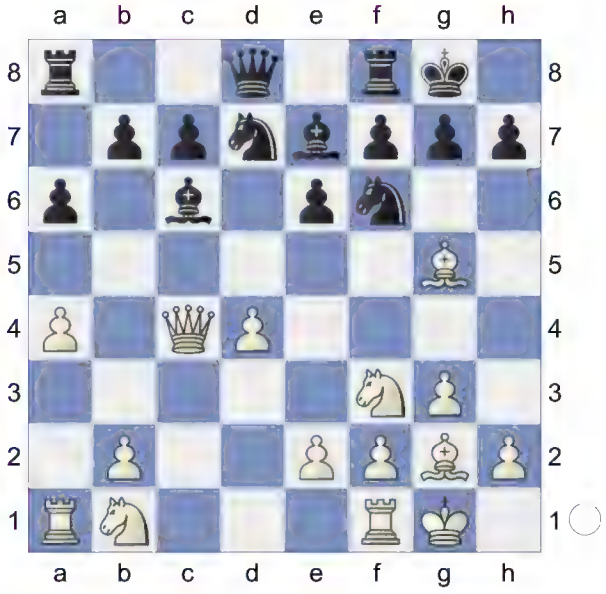
25 **E05**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
■ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (5.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 I wanted to provide an informational to show the most natural way to play against the Catalan and explain why we went for the rare sideline in this course. The following theory was taken from my Aggressive Queen's Gambit Declined course if you are thinking of playing this as an alternative. White has multiple options, some of which are quite theory-intense and easy to err in. We wanted something more points A to B and ideas based in this text. Let's get into some of the honeycomb variations to see what you would need to learn to play against the mainline Open Catalan with Black. Anytime it is noted that White has other options they are covered in detail in the aforementioned text. We stuck to the mainlines to give the reader an idea of the complexity of the mainline. **1.d4** 4 **Nf6** 6 **2.Nf3** 5 **d5** 4 **3.c4** 6 **e6** 4 **4.g3** 6 **Be7** 4 **5.Bg2** 4 **0-0** 5

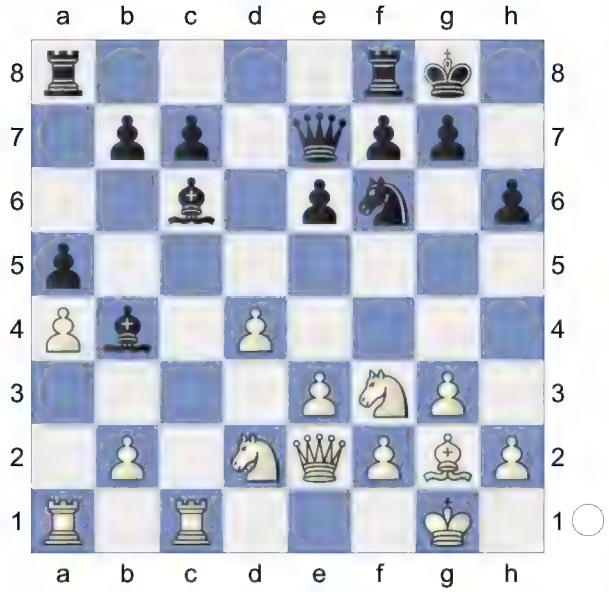
(Diagram)



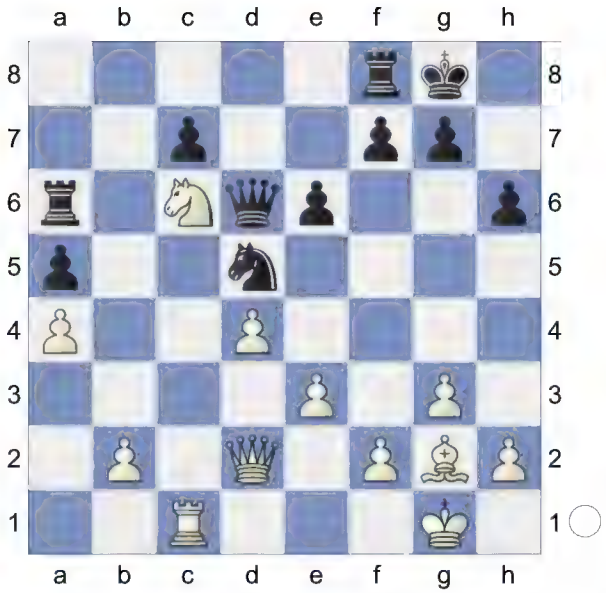
6.0-0 7 **dxc4** 2 **7.Qc2** 8 **a6** 7 **8.a4** 8 **Bd7** 2 **9.Qxc4** 16 **Bc6** 6 **10.Bg5** 6 **Nbd7** 5



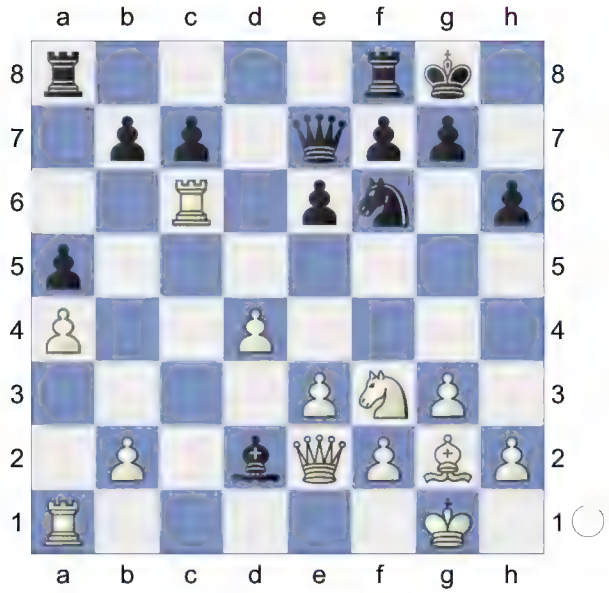
11.Rc1N 20
[11.Nc3 a5 12.Rfe1 Nb6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bd2 Nbd5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qb1 b6 8) Catalan-Dessaules,P 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
11...a5 4:07 **12.e3** 3:49 **h6** 9:58 The position is equal. **13.Bxf6** 15 **Nxf6** 6 **14.Nbd2** 24 **Bb4** 4:40 **15.Qe2** 20 **Qe7** 0.56/21 8:35
[15...Bd5= 0.17/17 is superior.]



16.Rxc6!± 1:41 **Bxd2** 11:53
[16...bxc6 17.Ne5]



21.Nxa5 3:00 **Rb8** 18:11 **22.Rc5** 10:45 **Qb6** 8:02 **23.b3** 13:14 **Qb4** 2:04 **24.Qxb4** 11 **Nxb4** 5 **25.Bf1** 5:45
Prevents Nd3. **25...Raa8** 5



17.Qxd2! 10:01 **bxc6** 1:00 **18.Ne5** 4 **Nd5** 1.18/21 12:23
[⌓18...c5 0.76/21]
19.Nxc6± 46 White is much more active.
19...Qd6 5 **20.Rc1** 27:35
[20.Nxa5?! Rfb8±]
20...Ra6 4:42

(Diagram)

26.Be2 4:57 **Kf8** 4:56 **27.Kf1** 52 **Na6** 1.64/23 1:25
[27...g6!± 0.63/18 28.Bc4 Rb6]
28.Rc1 4:03 **Nb4** 19 **29.Nc4** 4:45 **Na2** 48 **30.Ra1** 1:34 **Nc3** 1:12

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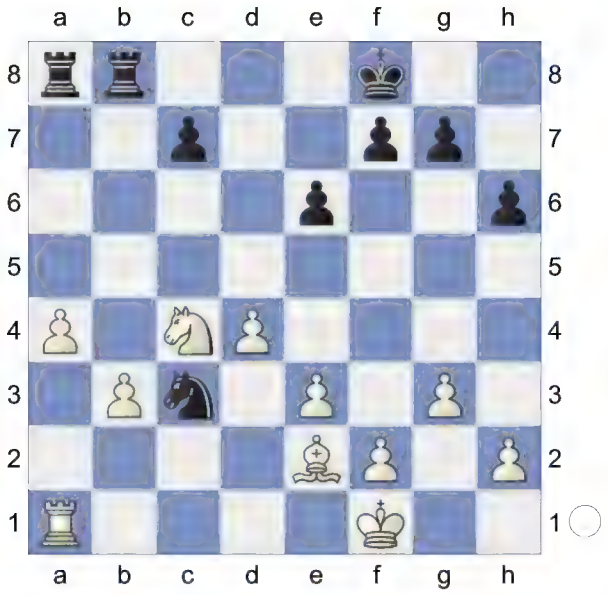
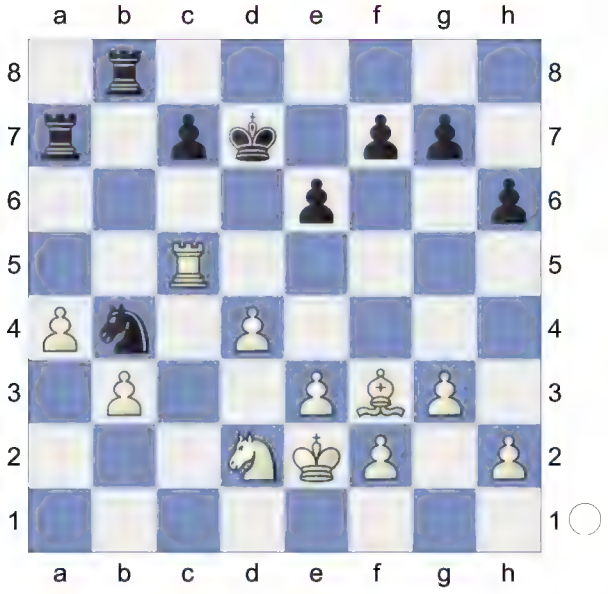


31.Bf3 9 **Ra7** 24 **32.Nd2** 36 **Ke7** 47
33.Rc1 9 **Na2** 27 **34.Rc5** 38 **Nb4** 43
35.Ke2 14 **Kd7** 36



36.h4 33 **f6** 1:36 **37.h5** 59 **c6** 1:07
38.g4 1:18 **Rc7** 1:18 **39.Be4** 2:17 **Nd5** 51 **40.Rc1** 50 **Kd6** 36

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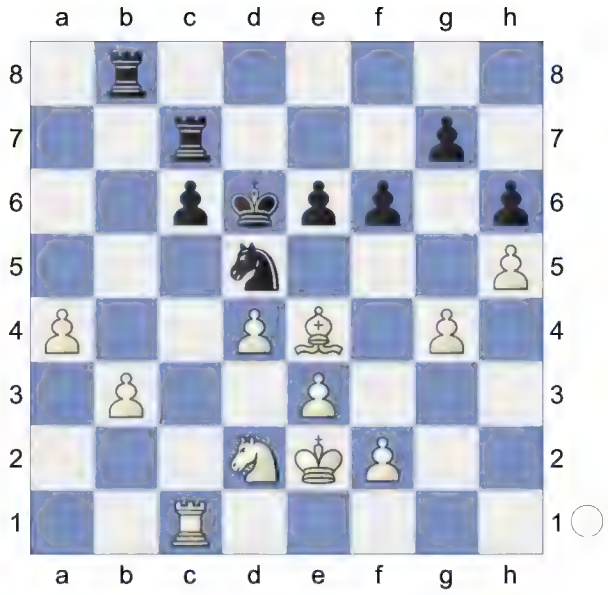
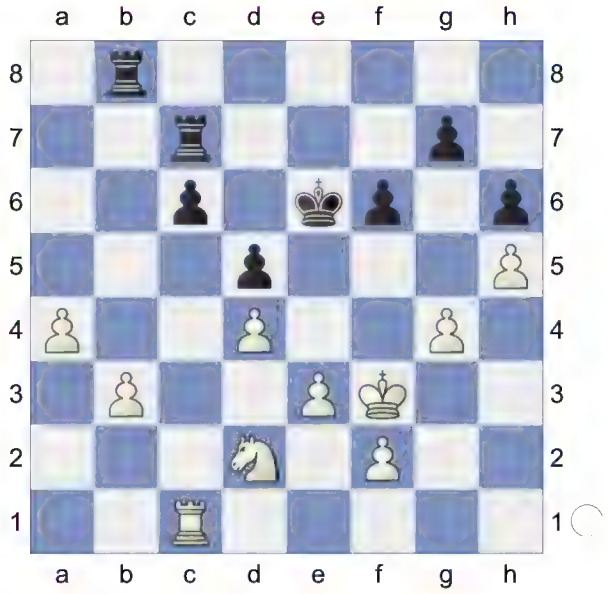
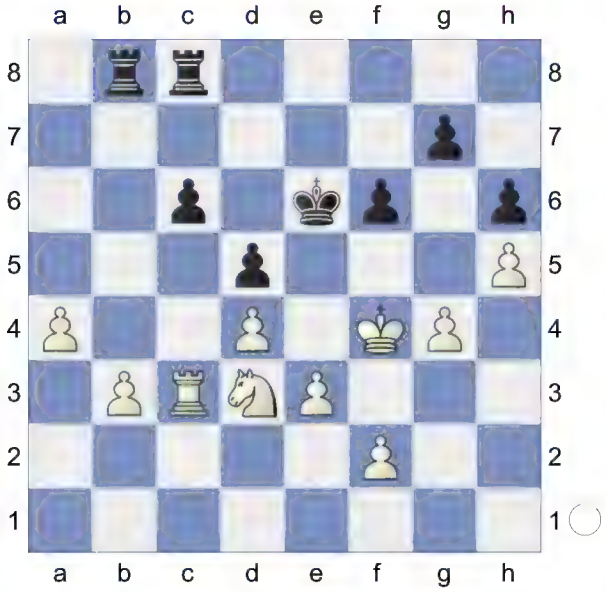


41.Bd3 1:26 **Ke7** 50 **42.Be4?** -0.01/19 1:36
[White should try 42.Rc5+- 1.71/20]
42...Kd6!= 52 **43.Bf3** 1.20/19 59
[43.Nc4++- 1.64/19 Ke7 44.Na5]
43...Ke7 1.63/19 1:36
[43...Nb4± 1.20/19 44.Rc5 Rd7 45.Nc4+ Kc7]
44.Bxd5 1.10/19 40
[Better is 44.Rc5+- 1.63/19]
44...exd5+- 1 Endgame. KRR-KRN
45.Kf3 7 **Ke6** 1:37



46.Kf4 0.09/18 34

[46.Rc5± 0.66/20]
46...Rf8 1.15/23 2:43
[46...Rcc8= 0.09/18 keeps the balance.]
47.Nf3± 5 White stays focused until the end. **47...Rb8** 45 **48.Rc3** 16 **Rb4** 2.56/23 11
[48...Kf7± 1.37/23 is a better defense. 49.Ng1 Rbc8]
49.Ne1+- 17 **Rb8** 1:11 **50.Nd3** 5 aiming for Nc5+. **50...Rcc8** 24



51.Nc5+ 11 **Kf7** 4 **52.Kf5** 24 **Re8** 2.38/23 1:19
[⌓52...Rb6 1.81/26 53.Rc2 *(53.a5 Rb5±)* 53...Ra8]
53.Rc1 2:54 **Rb4** 26 **54.a5** 40 **Ra8** 3.28/25 51
[⌓54...Rc8 2.21/26 55.a6 Ra8]
55.a6 1.58/25 17
[55.Ne6+- 3.28/25]
55...Ra7± 5

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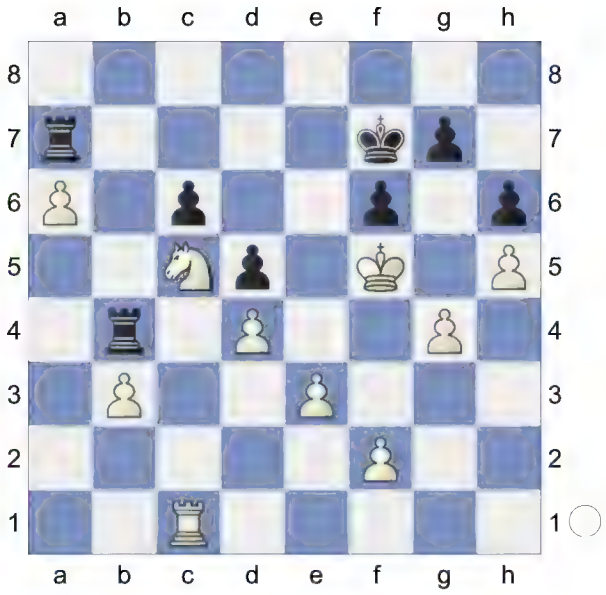
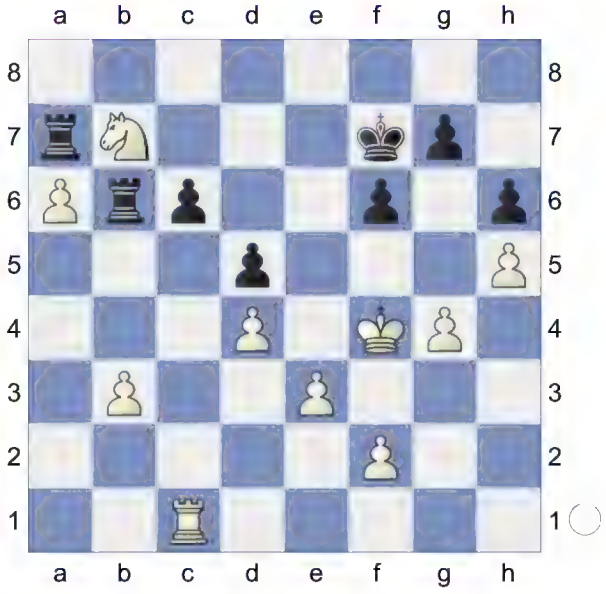


56.Kf4 1:34 **Rb5** 20 **57.Nb7** 44 Against Ra5. Hoping for Nd6+. **57...Rb6** 40



58.Nd6+! 19 **Ke6** 14 **59.Nc8** 1 **Raxa6** 3 **60.Nxb6** 6 **Rxb6+-** 1

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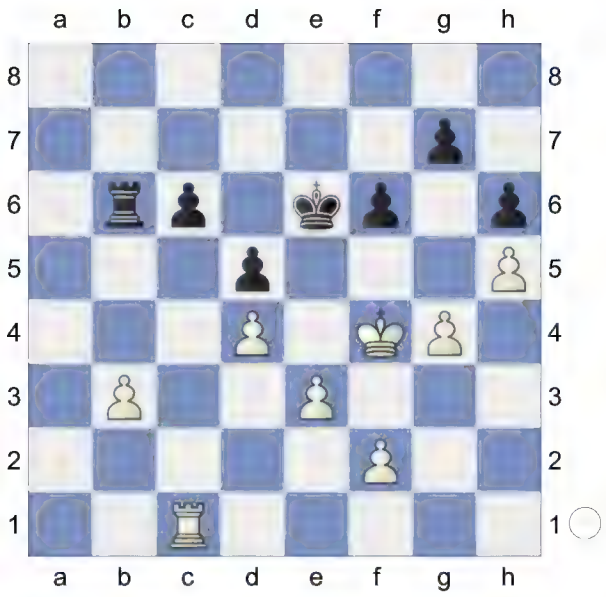
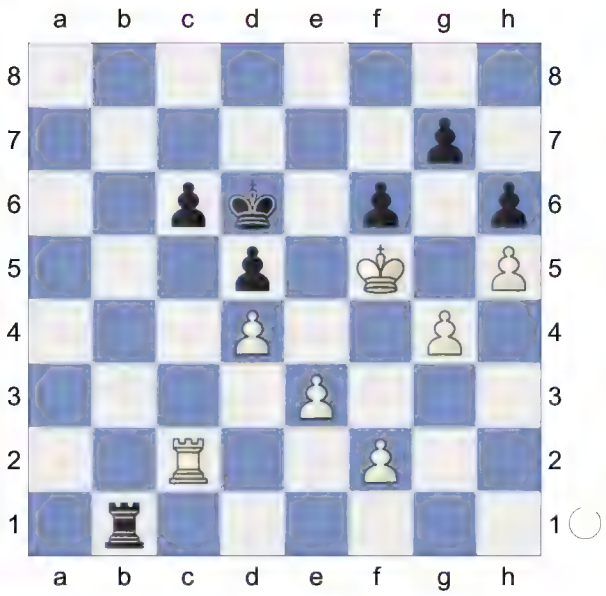
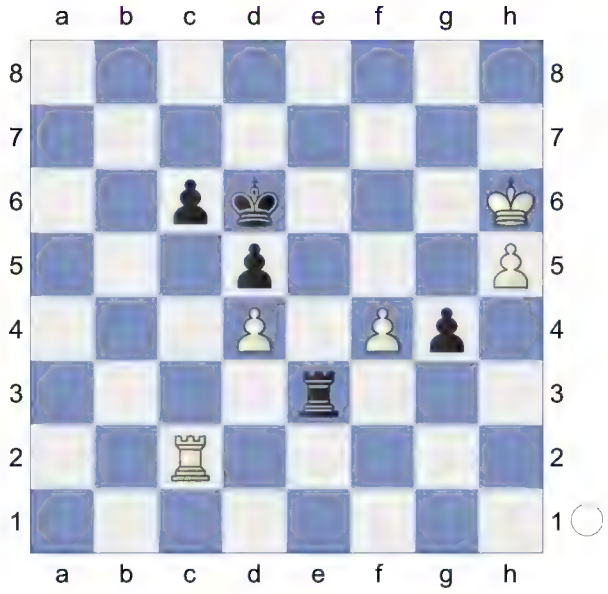


KR-KR **61.b4!** 1:33 **Ra6** 44 **62.Rc2** 5 **Rb6** 16 **63.Rc5** 1:51 **Kd6** 45 **64.Kf5** 25 **Rxb4** 2 **65.Rc2** 24 Against Rb2 **65...Rb1** 1:00

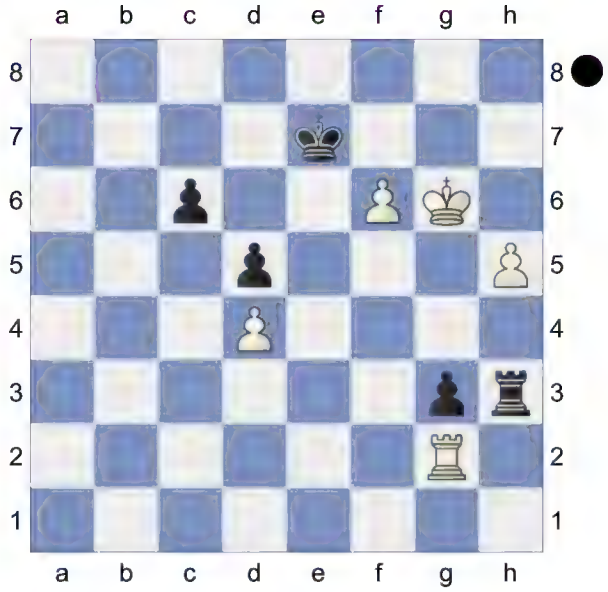


66.Kg6 36 **Rg1** 5 **67.f3** 1:01
[Don't take 67.Kxg7 Rxg4+ 68.Kxh6 *(68.Kxf6 Rg5=)* 68...Rg5]
67...Rg3 5 **68.Kxg7** 1.25/25 45
[68.Rf2+- 2.78/25 has better winning chances.]
68...f5? 8.15/25 38
[68...Rxf3± 1.25/25 69.Kxh6 Rg3]
69.Kxh6 18 g5 would now be deadly.

White is clearly winning. **69...fxg4** 1 **70.f4** 13 **Rxe3** 28



71.f5 1:10 And now f6 would win. **71...Rh3** 2:17 **72.Kg6** 24 **g3** 29 **73.Rg2** 24 **Ke7** 15 **74.f6+** 1:52



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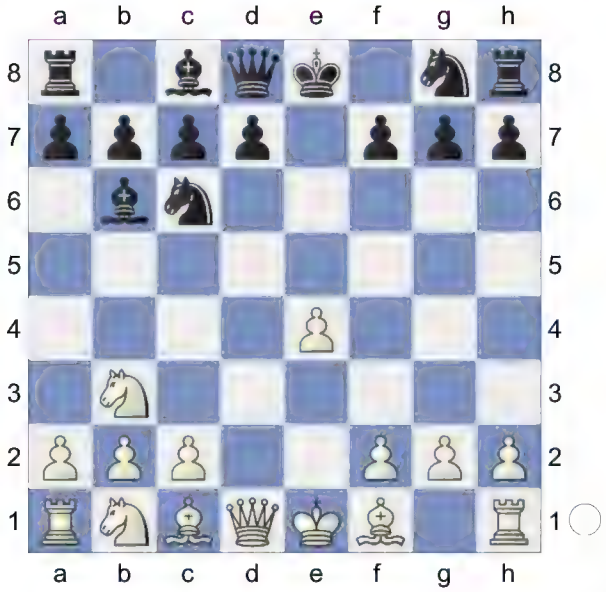
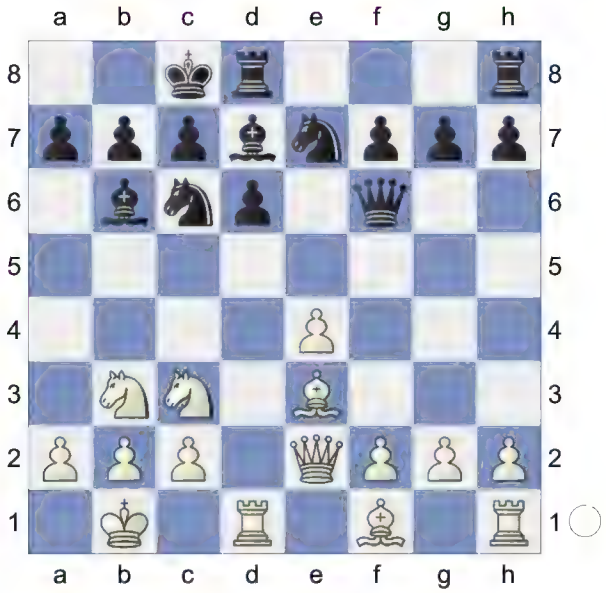
26 **C45**
□ **Navara,David** **2677**
■ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (6.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C45: Scotch Game **1.e4** 2 **e5** 7 **2.Nf3** 4 **Nc6** 5 **3.d4** 4 **exd4** 35 **4.Nxd4** 6 **Bc5** 46 **5.Nb3** 7 **Bb6** 5



6.Nc3 15 **Qf6** 1:16 **7.Qe2** 7:52 **Nge7** 20 **8.Be3** 5:27 **d6** 6:16
[8...0-0 9.0-0-0 d6 10.h3 Be6 11.f4 Qh4 12.Kb1 f5 13.Bxb6 axb6 14.Nb5 fxe4 15.Nxc7 Bxb3 16.cxb3 Rac8 17.Ne6 Rf6 18.Qxe4 d5 19.Qe1 Qh6 20.Ng5 Rxf4 21.h4 Qf6 22.g3 Rf2 23.Rd2 0-1 THE Qf6-Nge7 set-up,J (2382)-Mikhalevski,V (2511) Budapest Spring Open 2017 Budapest HUN (2.18)]
9.0-0-0 1:42 **Bd7N** 5:29
[9...Be6 10.g3 *(10.f3 g5 11.Qd2 h6 12.Bb5 0-0-0 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne5 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.Qd4 N7g6 17.Kb1 Qf4 18.Qc3 Kb8 19.Nd4 Qf6 20.Qa3 Ne7 21.Qa4 Nxd5 22.c4 Qg6+ 23.Ka1 Ne3 24.Rc1 c5* 0-1 Siskou,E (1880)-Yashvi,J (1921) Swiss Queens Wed #33 FIDE Online Arena INT blitz 2024 (3) *)* 10...0-0-0 11.Bg2 Rhe8 12.Rhe1 Qg6 13.Bxb6 axb6 14.h3 f5 15.Kb1 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf5 17.Qd3 Ne5 18.Qc3 Kb8 19.a4 Nc6 20.Ned2 d5 21.Nf3 Bg8 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.a5 bxa5 24.Nxa5 ½-½ Arndt,M (2365)-Bethke,R (2381) GER-ch blitz Magdeburg 2022 (28)]
[9...Bxe3+ 10.Qxe3 0-0 11.Nb5 Bd7 12.Nxc7 Rac8 13.Nb5 Nb4 14.Nc3 Be6 15.Kb1 Rfe8 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.Rxd4 Nec6 18.Rxd6 Ne5 19.Bb5 Red8 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.a3 Nbc6 22.Bxc6 Nxc6 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ 24.Nxd1 1-0 Madeira,W (2027)-Machado,L (1720) Caioba op 7th 2023 (5)]
10.Kb1 1:26 **0-0-0** 5:24



The position is equal. **11.f4** 15:09 **Qg6** 10:51 **12.Bxb6** 8:00 **axb6** 8 **13.Qf2** 3:28 **f5** 4:07 **14.Bd3** 1:01 **Nb4** 5:46 **15.exf5** 50 **Nxd3** 1:57

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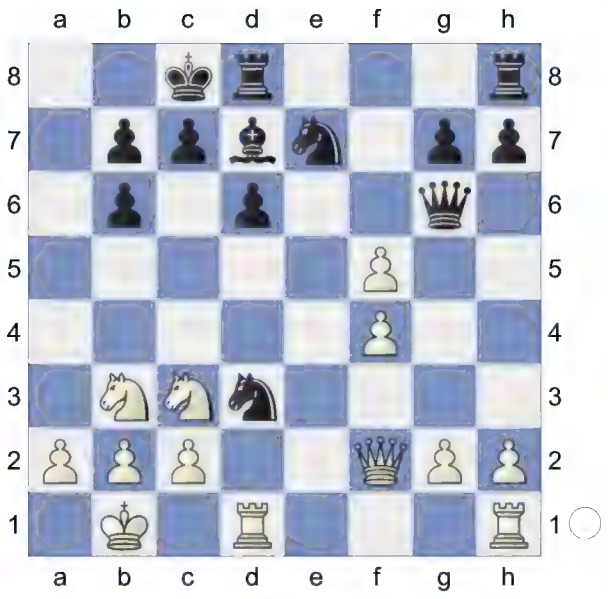
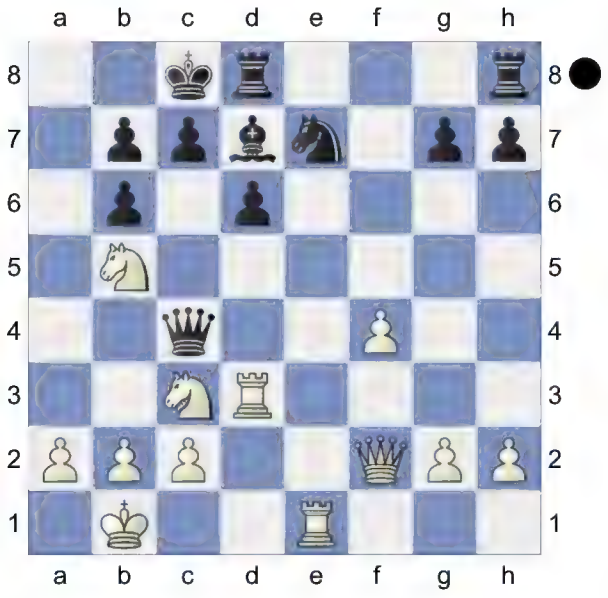


16.Rxd3 7 **Qxf5** 2:38 **17.Nd4** 1:43 **Qf7** 3:32 **18.Ndb5** 3:50 **Qc4** 11:56 **19.Re1** 19:20

[19.Qxb6 Bf5 *(19...Qxb5 20.Qxb5 Bxb5 21.Nxb5±)* 20.Qa5 *(20.Rd4 Qxc3 21.bxc3 cxb6∓)* 20...Bxd3 21.cxd3 Qxd3+ 22.Ka1 b6±]



Strongly threatening b3. **19...Ng6** 7:45 **20.Rd4** 5:49 **Qc5** 0.54/21 3:59

[20...Qf7= 0.13/21]

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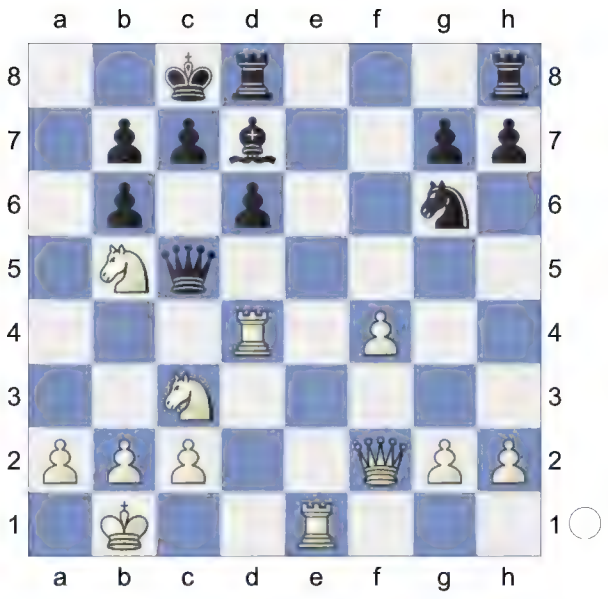
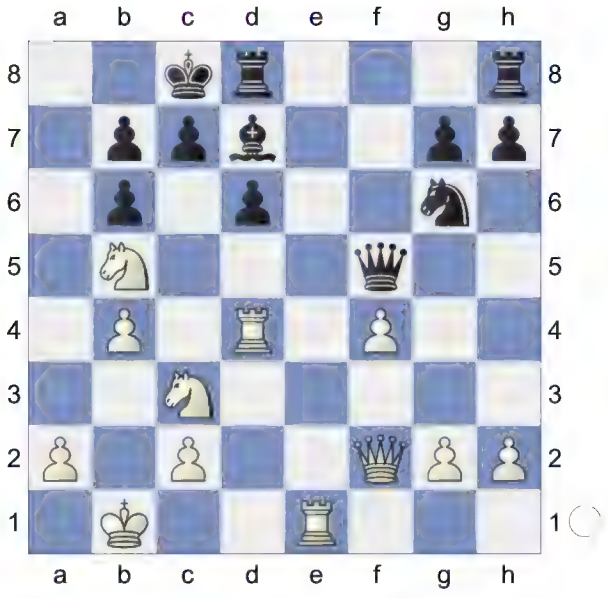


21.b4 0.01/22 1:53

[Better is 21.Nxd6+± 0.54/21 cxd6 22.Ne4]

21...Qf5= 2:48



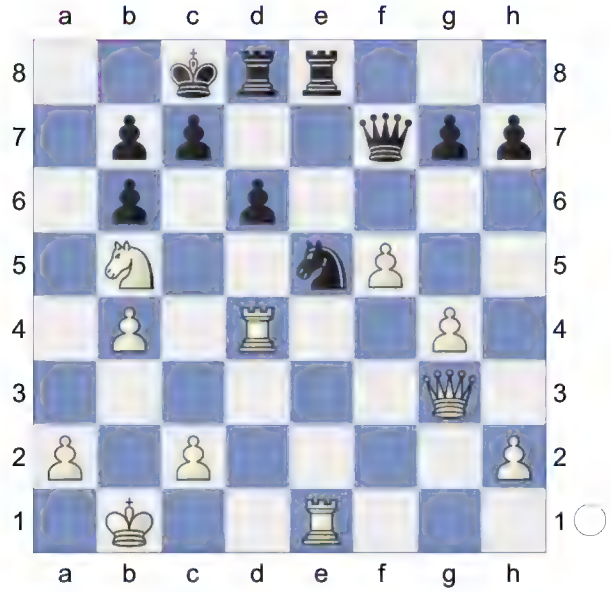
22.g4! 22 **Qf7** 1:47

[22...Qxg4?! 23.Rc4 Bc6 24.Nxc7 Kxc7 25.Nb5+ Kb8 26.Rxc6 Qxf4 27.Qxf4 *(27.Qxb6 Qxb4+ 28.Ka1 Qxe1+∓)* 27...Nxf4 28.Rc7± *(28.Rxd6 Rxd6 29.Nxd6 Rd8±; 28.Rxb6? Nd5-+)*]

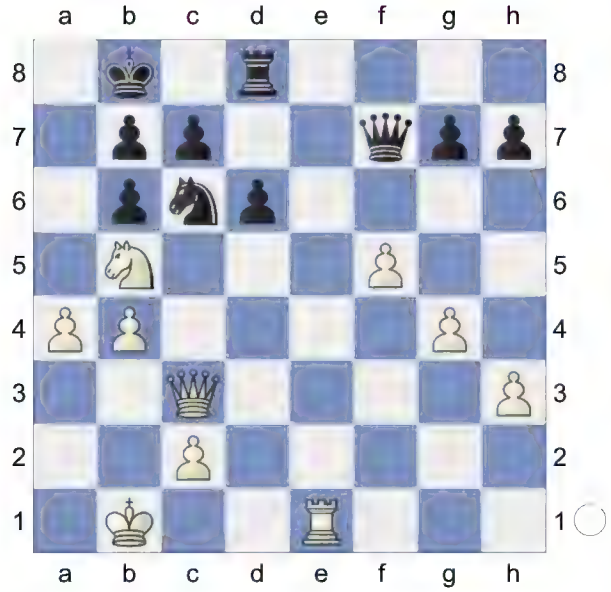
23.f5 9:34 Qg3 would now be deadly.

23...Bxb5 1:46 **24.Nxb5** 7 Qg3 is the

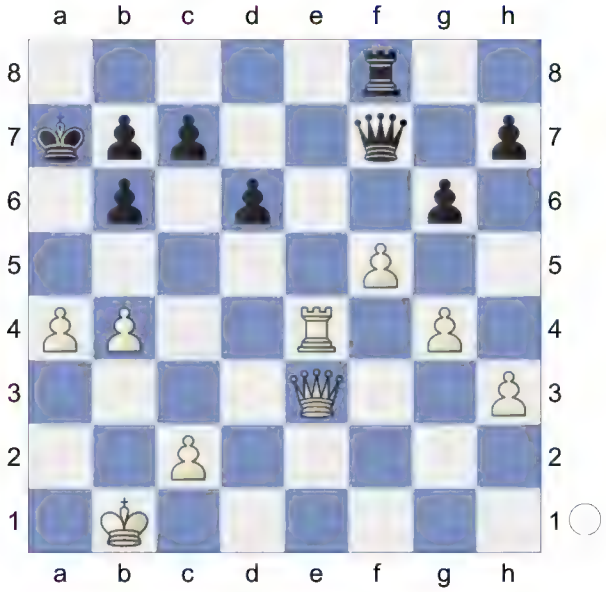
strong threat. **24...Ne5** 22 **25.Qg3** 3:23 Black must now prevent Qa3. **25...Rhe8** 23:15



26.Qc3 2:27 **Nc6** 0 **27.Rdd1** 1:56 **Rxe1** 0 **28.Rxe1** 8 **Qd5** 0 **29.a4** 15 **Qf7** 0 **30.h3** 2:06
[30.Re6!?]
30...Kb8 0



31.Nd4 48 **Ne5** 0.45/19 0
[31...Nxd4= 0.01/23 was preferrable. 32.Qxd4 Rf8]
32.Nf3 -0.01/22 1:00
[32.Qb3± 0.45/19 deserves consideration. Qxb3+ 33.cxb3 *(33.Nxb3 Kc8±)*]
32...Nxf3 0 **33.Qxf3** 6 Endgame. KQR-KQR **33...Rf8** 0.40/20 0
[33...Re8= -0.01/21 34.Rxe8+ Qxe8]
34.Re4 0.01/22 2:48
[34.Qf4!± 0.40/20 is more appropriate.]
34...Ka7 0.41/19 0
[34...Re8= 0.01/22 might be stronger.]
35.Qe3 49 **g6!** 0



36.a5 2:12 **gxf5** 0 **37.Rf4** 18 **Re8** 0.60/23 41
[37...Qd5= 0.17/19]
38.axb6+ 10
[38.Rxf5 Rxe3 39.Rxf7 Rxh3∓]
38...cxb6 1 **39.Qf2** -0.40/20 2:40
[White should try 39.Qd4= 0.29/22]
39...Qg7∓ 47 Black is slightly better.
40.Qd4 33
[40.gxf5? loses. Qc3 41.Rd4 Re1+-+ *(41...Qxh3 42.Rxd6 Re3 43.Kb2±; 41...Qxh3 42.Rxd6 Re3 43.Kb2=)*]
40...Qxd4 1:59

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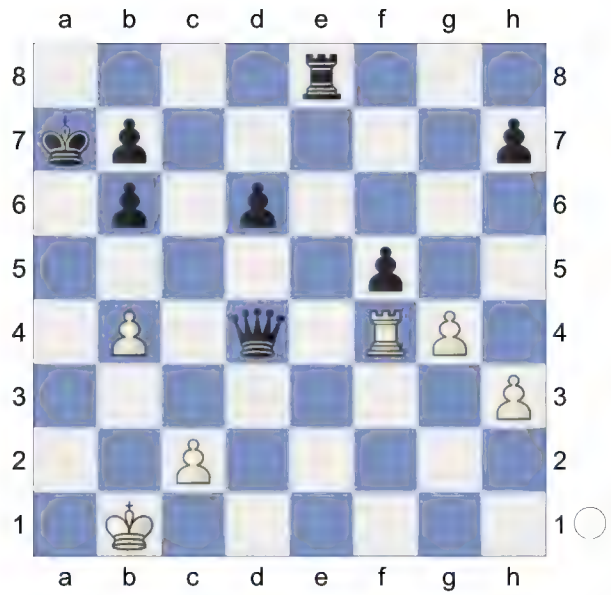
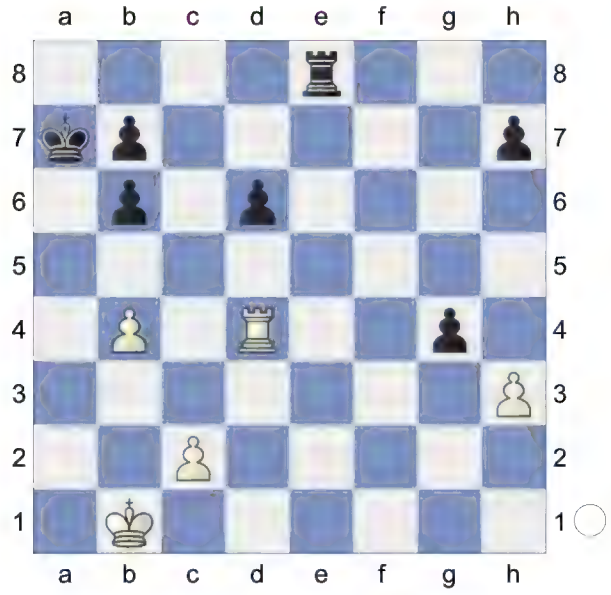


41.Rxd4 4 **fxg4** 43



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27 **C55**
□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (6.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack "Rapport wins Beograd Grand Prix and Qualifies for the Candidates A win with white in the second game of the final gave Richard Rapport tournament victory at the second leg of the FIDE Grand Prix in Beograd. Rapport beat Dmitry Andreikin after rejecting a draw by triple repetition in a double-edged position. This victory, combined with his reaching the semifinals in the first leg of the series in Berlin, places him as a clear favourite to get a spot in the Candidates Tournament. Rapport's qualification to the Candidates cannot be fully ascribed to luck by any stretch of the imagination, though. The Hungarian star did not shy away from employing his usual creative playing style in the first two legs of the series, and has demonstrated that he is particularly well-versed in dealing with imbalanced, sharp positions. The 25-year-old was happy to have scored his greatest success to date in the city where he lives with his wife, Serbian WGM Jovana Rapport. The ever modest Rapport credited his wife for this exceptional result: "Usually for me trips are connected to events and results, so of course you have favourite places, but usually they connect to when you play well... so for me Beograd will actually not be influenced by this event, as funny as it is, even though this is probably the biggest success of my career to date. It will still be influenced by my love, my marriage, my life, really, so I'm just happy that this overall beautiful picture wasn't ruined by chess. She's my only support, actually. I have to thank her for everything, for putting up with me. I'm very difficult on normal days, but during tournaments I think it goes to 100 x the volume." Dmitry Andreikin who finished 2nd, as well as Anish Giri and Maxime Vachier Lagrave retain some chances to qualify to the Candidates Tournament. However, after the second leg, Richard Rapport and Hikaru Nakamura are clear favourites. Now we will present you some of the most interesting games and moments from the Tournament according to selection of our Editorial Board. *** Giri dominated his group at the Grand Prix Belgrade, winning two white Italian Games, the one against Tabatabaei being especially good. Giri, Anish: 'Arsovic,Goran: 'Rapport wins Beograd Grand Prix and Qualifies for the Candidates A win with white in the second game of the final gave Richard Rapport tournament victory at the second leg of the FIDE Grand Prix in Beograd. Rapport beat Dmitry Andreikin after rejecting a draw by triple repetition in a double-edged position. This victory, combined with his reaching the semifinals in the first leg of the series in Berlin, places him as a clear favourite to get a spot in the Candidates Tournament. Rapport's qualification to the Candidates cannot be fully ascribed to luck by any stretch of the imagination, though. The Hungarian star did not shy away from employing his usual creative playing style in the first two legs of the series, and has demonstrated that he is particularly well-versed in dealing with

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1.e4 1:00 **e5** 27 **2.Nf3** 9 **Nc6** 5 **3.Bc4** 17 **Nf6** 9 **4.d3** 6 **Be7** 6

[4...Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.h3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Ne4 Bb6 10.b4 Ndxb4 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Rb1 h6 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Rxb4 a5 15.Rb1 Qh4 16.Qe2 Rad8 17.Kh2 Qe7 18.f4 Nd7 19.Rf3 1-0 Giri,A (2772)-Tabatabaei,M (2623) Belgrade FIDE GP 2 Pool-B 2022 (1)]

[4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Nb6 7.Bb3 Bg4 8.Re1 Qe7 9.c3 0-0-0 10.h3 Bh5 11.Qe2 f6 12.a4 a5 13.Nbd2 Bf7 14.Bxf7 Qxf7 15.Ne4 Kb8 16.Be3 Nd5 17.Reb1 h6 18.b4 f5 19.Nc5 0-1 8.♘d4 d6 9.0-0 ♕d7 (2098)-Langier,D (2173) Hersonissos 101/182 2007 (9)]

5.0-0 1:06 **0-0** 7

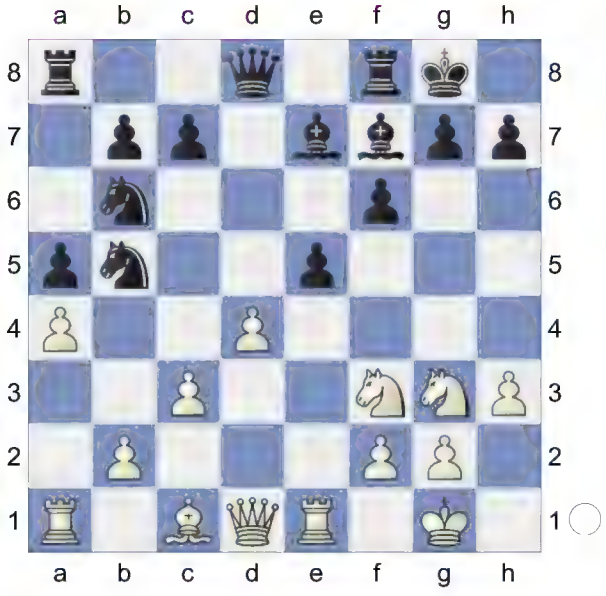
6.a4N 1:44

[6.Nc3 d6 7.a3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nd4 10.Qd1 c6 11.f4 exf4 12.Rxf4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Ba2 Bc5 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Rf1 Ne6 17.g4 d4 18.Na4 Be7 19.g5 Nd7 20.Rxf7 Bd6 ½-½ Edighoffer,H-Melton,R APCT King ch-1 corr 1996]

6...d5 5:17 **7.exd5** 7 **Nxd5** 2 **8.Re1** 4:13 **Bg4** 4:14 **9.c3** 10:01 **a5** 17:28 **10.h3** 3:34 **Bh5** 22

(Diagram)

11.Nbd2 7:40 **Nb6!** 5:11 **12.Bb5** 7:23 **f6** 2:06 **13.Ne4** 2:35 **Na7** 6:01 **14.Ng3** 3:58 **Bf7** 2:07 **15.d4** 1:23 **Nxb5** 20



16.axb5 5 **Re8** 8:33 **17.dxe5** 5:54 **Qxd1** 30 **18.Rxd1** 5 **fxe5** 52 **19.Nxe5** 5:59 **Bb3** 9:12 **20.Re1** 50 **Bd6** 2:16

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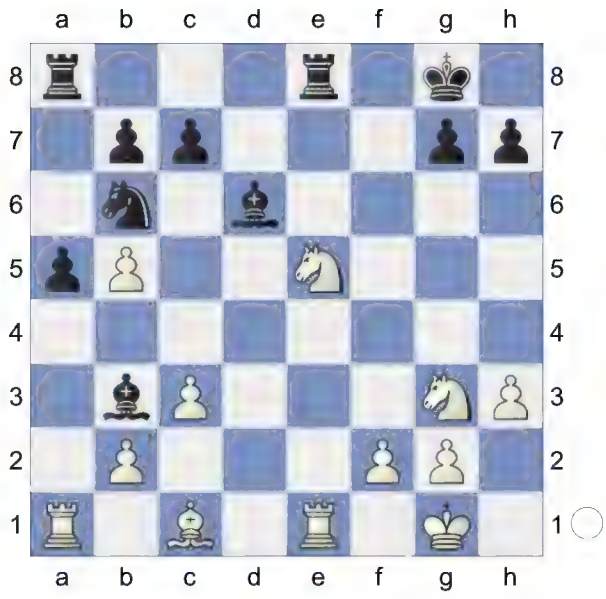
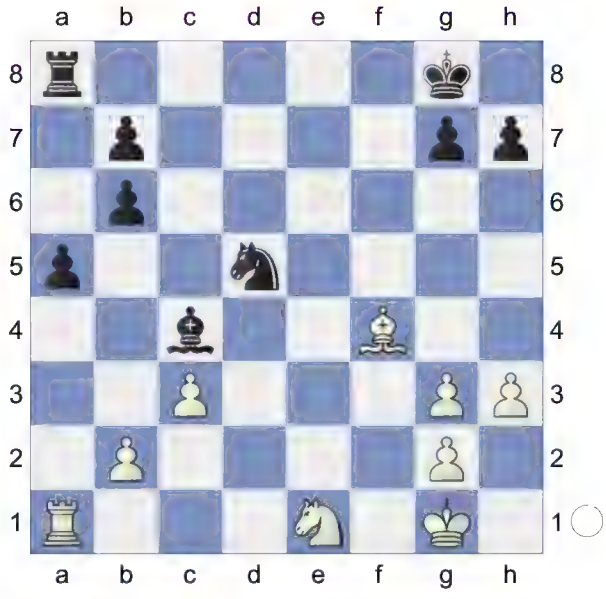


A strong pair of Bishops. **21.Nf3** 56 **Rxe1+** 5:14 **22.Nxe1** 10 **Bxg3** 3:28

[22...Re8!? 23.Nf3 Bd5=]

23.fxg3 6 **Bc4** 8 **24.Bf4** 2:33 **Nd5** 41 **25.b6** 1:47 The position is equal. **25...cxb6** 19



26.Nf3 2:48 **a4** 6:31 **27.Re1** 2:54 **Rd8** 4:29 **28.Be5** 5:21 **Re8** 57 **29.Kf2** 1:38 **b5** 27

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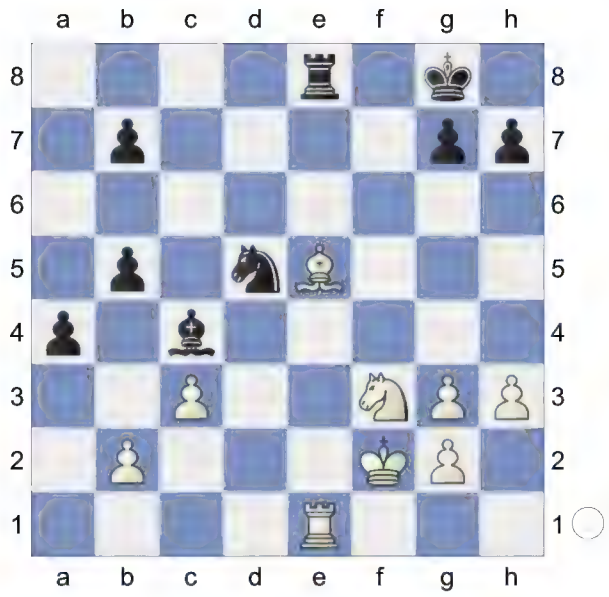
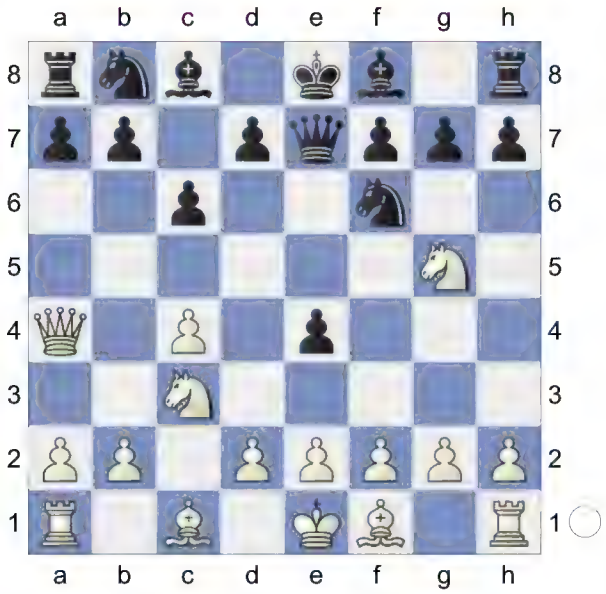


An uneventful encounter. Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

28 **A22**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (6.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6
1.c4 3 **e5** 5:01 **2.Nc3** 11 **Nf6** 6 **3.Nf3** 10 **e4** 2:11 **4.Ng5** 1:25 **c6** 9 **5.Qa4** 7 **Qe7** 10



6.Qc2 6
[6.f3 exf3 7.Nxf3 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.c5 0-0 10.Bf4 Na6 11.Bd6 Qe3 12.Nd1 Qe6 13.Nf2 Re8 14.h4 b6 15.Ng5 Qf5 16.g4 Qd5 17.0-0-0 bxc5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Qc2 Qxa2 20.Bxc5 Rb8 0-1 Maghsoodloo,P (2740)-Abdusattorov,N (2727) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 Wijk aan Zee (3.7)]
6...b5 9

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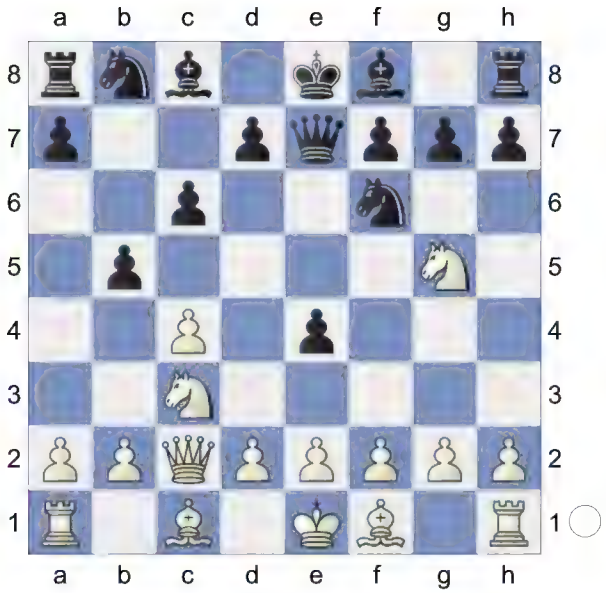
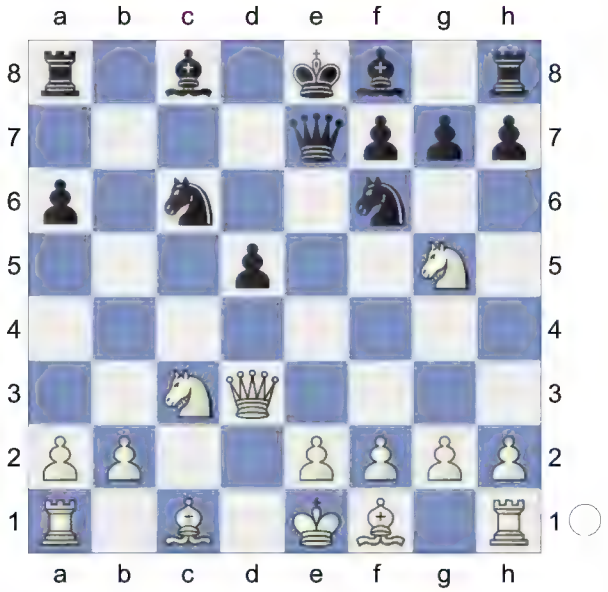
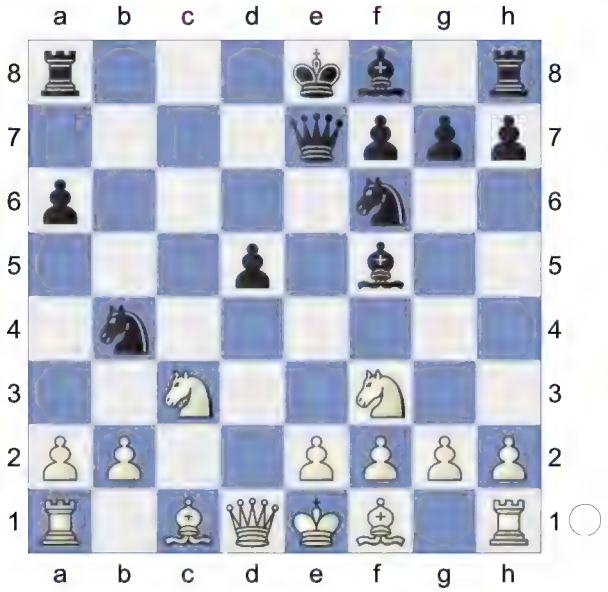


Deflection **7.cxb5** 19 **d5** 1:02
[7...a6 with more complications. 8.bxc6 d5 9.d3 exd3 10.Qa4 Qc5]
8.d4N 58
[8.e3 h6 9.Nh3 c5 10.d3 exd3 11.Bxd3 g6 12.Nf4 Bb7 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Rd1 0-0 15.Be2 Rd8 16.Bf3 d4 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.exd4 cxd4 19.Nfe2 Qe7 20.Na4 Re8 21.Ng3 Qb4 22.Bd2 Qxb5 ½-½ Aravindh,C (2641)-Adhiban,B (2660) Meltwater Indian Qualfier chess24.com INT rapid 2021 (3.2) 23.Nc5 Rc8 24.b4 Na6 25.Rac1 Nxb4 26.Qb3 Rxc5 27.Rxc5 Qxc5 28.Bxb4 Qb6 29.Qc4 Ng4 30.h3 Ne5 31.Qc5 Rd8 32.Ne4 Nc6 33.Bd2 Qxc5 34.Nxc5 Ne5 35.Bf4 Nc4 36.Nd3 g5 37.Bg3 f5 ½-½ Burry,S (2641)-Brachtel,R (2660) TCh-RUS Rapid 2015 Sochi (rapid) (3.2) 38.Rc1 Na3 39.f4 Rd5 40.Rc8+ Kh7 41.Rc7 Nb5 42.Rb7 Kg6 43.a4 Nc3 44.Rxa7 Ne4 45.Be1 Bf6 46.Kf1 Rd8 47.Rc7 Rb8 48.Bb4 Nc3 49.Rc6 Kf7 50.a5 Nd5 51.Bd2 Rb3 52.Ke2 Nc3+ 0-1 Aravindh,C (2580)-Wagner,D (2558) (open) 137/148 Biel 2018]

8...exd3 17:40 **9.Qxd3** 1:32 **a6** 25
10.bxc6 5:28 **Nxc6** 8

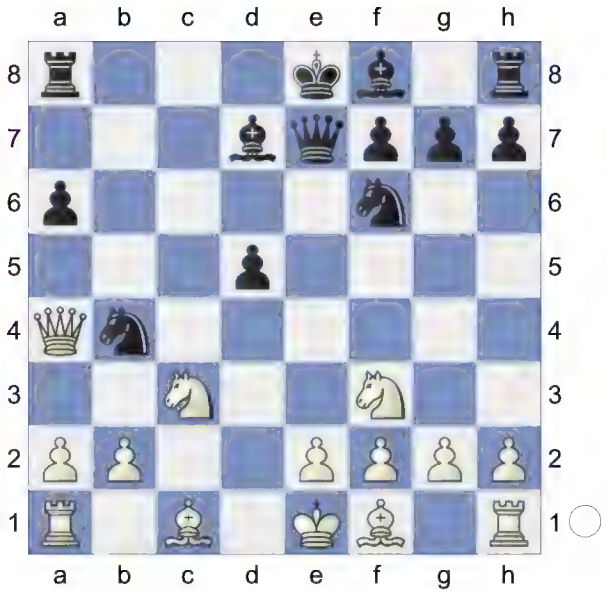


11.Nf3 1
[Reject 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Bb7∓]
11...Nb4 3:31 The position is equal.
12.Qd1 2:01 **Bf5!** 3:19

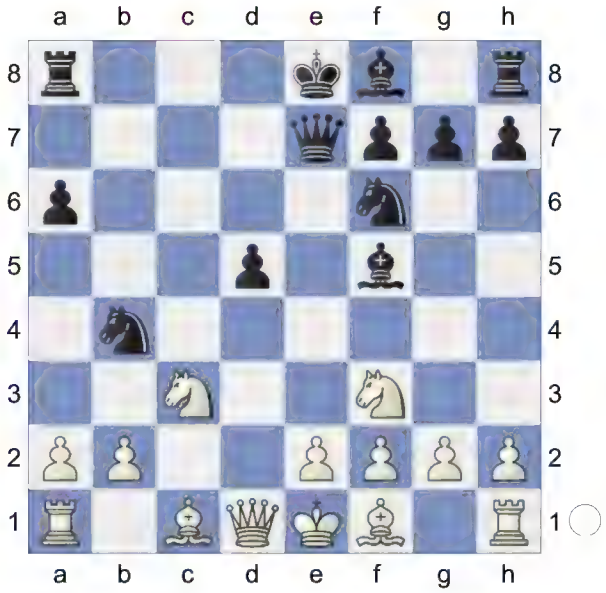


Threatens to win with ...Nc2+. **13.Qa4+** 5
Bd7! 2:18 **14.Qd1** 5 **Bf5!** 1:57
...Nc2+ is the strong threat. **15.Qa4+** 4
Bd7 34:17

(Diagram)



16.Qd1 45 **Bf5!** 8



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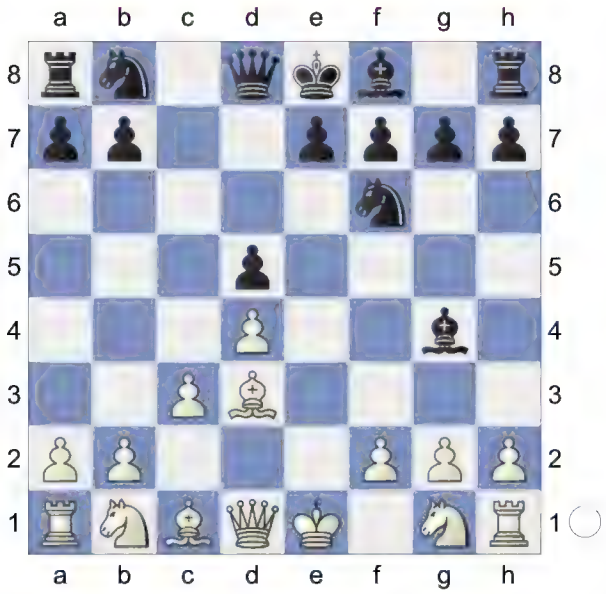
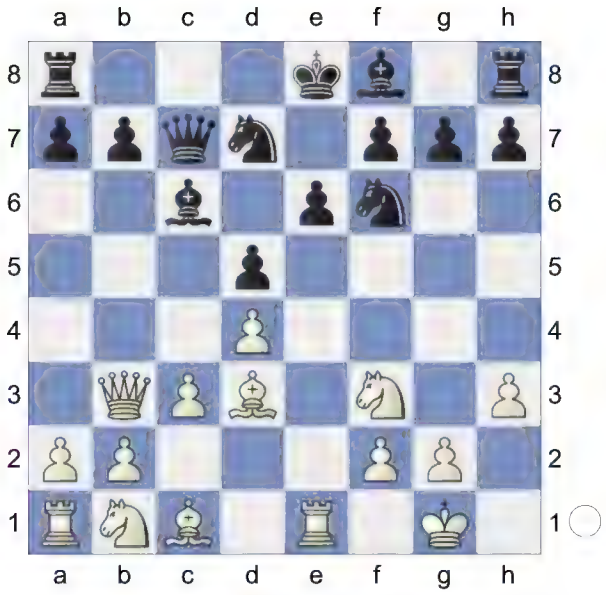
29 **B13**
□ **Moussard,Jules** **2595**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (6.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.e4** 8:59 **c6** 7 **2.d4** 38 **d5** 7 **3.exd5** 4 **cxd5** 7 **4.Bd3** 3 **Nf6** 31 **5.c3** 52 **Bg4** 56



6.Qb3 40 **Qc7** 28 **7.h3** 59 **Bd7** 22 **8.Nf3** 1:00 **e6** 1:54 **9.0-0** 31 **Bc6** 1:39 **10.Re1** 40 **Nbd7** 3:56

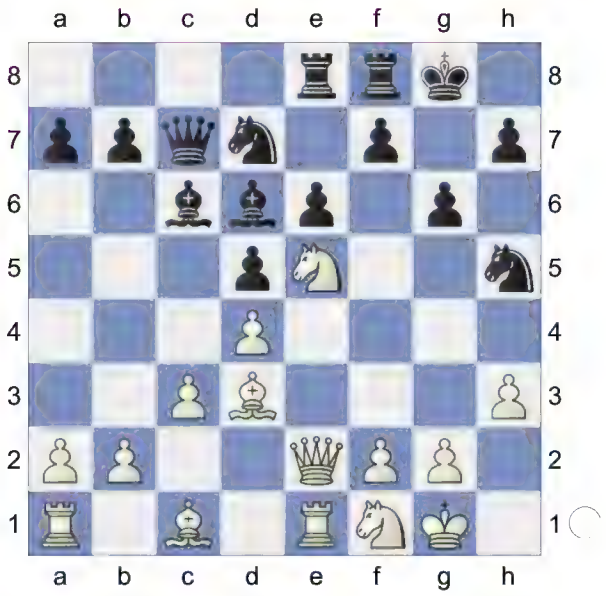
(Diagram)



11.Qd1 1:28 **Bd6** 3:01 **12.Qe2** 6:48 **0-0** 26:44 **13.Nbd2** 8:50 **Nh5** 7:24 **14.Nf1N** 43

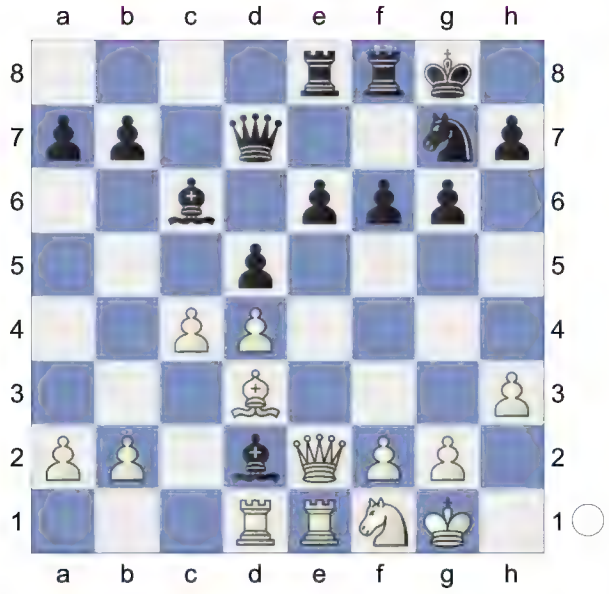
[14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg6 16.Ndf3 Nf4 17.Qc2+ Kf6 18.g3 Ng6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Qxg6 Nf6 22.Nxe6 Qd7 23.Bh6 Ne4 24.Rxe4 dxe4 25.Ng5 Rf7 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Nxf7 Qxf7 28.d5 Qxd5 1-0 Ganguly,S (2646)-Cheng,B (2476) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (9)]

14...g6 6:50 **15.Ne5** 10:44 **Rae8** 4:09



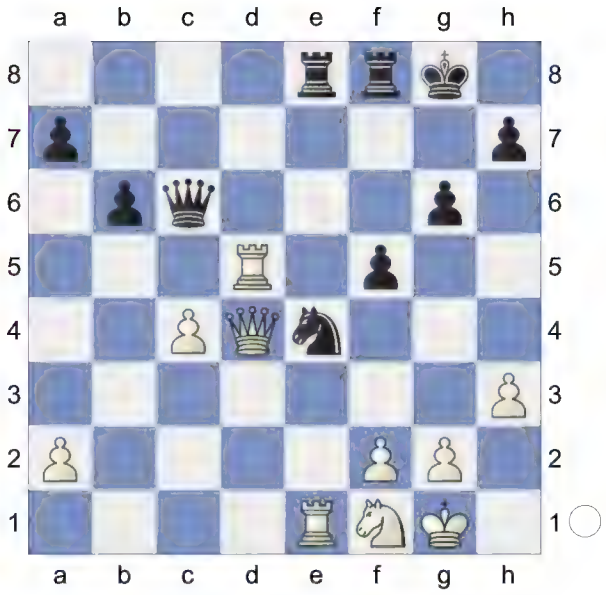
16.Bh6 2:59 **Ng7** 6 **17.Rad1** 2:00 **f6**

1:45 **18.Nxd7** 4:58 **Qxd7** 2:00 **19.c4** 42 **Bb4** 2:06 **20.Bd2** 5:43 **Bxd2** 5

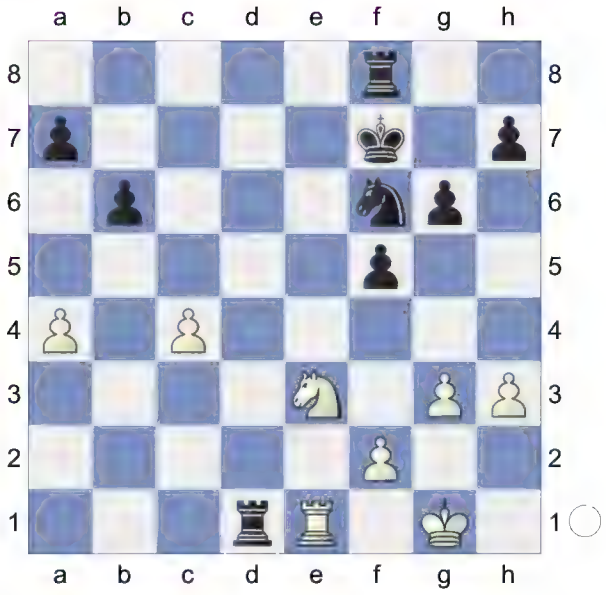


21.Rxd2 1:01 **Nf5** 1:19 **22.Qg4** 2:58
[Much worse is 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Qd1 *(23.Ne3? f4-+)* 23...f4∓ *(23...dxc4 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.d5=)*]
22...dxc4 3:31 **23.Bxc4** 1:04 **Bd5** 5 **24.b3** 1:00 **Bxc4** 4:22 **25.bxc4** 14 **Nd6** 4:19

26.d5 16:30 White is more active. **26...f5** 29 **27.Qd1** 1:18 **Ne4** 9:38 **28.Rd4** 8:00 **exd5** 1:53 **29.Rxd5** 6 **Qc6** 39 **30.Qd4** 47 Repels Nc3 **30...b6** 50

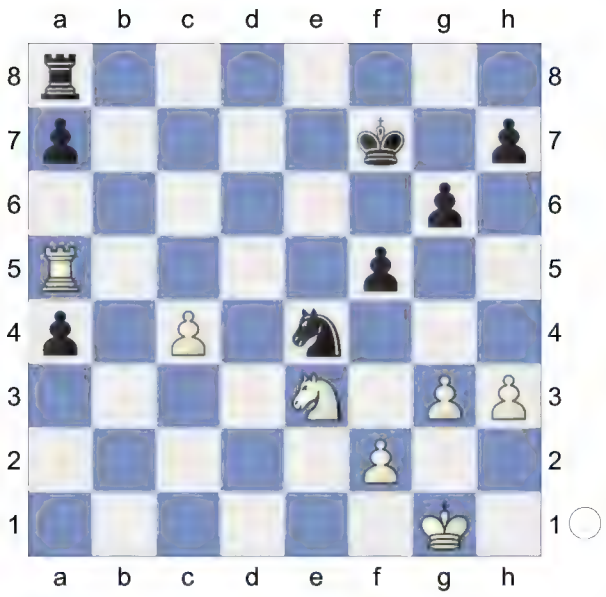


31.Ne3 1:27 **Qf6** 1:59 **32.Qxf6** 5:09
[32.Qd3 is more complex. Qb2 33.Nd1 Qc1 34.Rd7]
32...Nxf6 1:59 **33.Rdd1** 11 **Kf7** 29 **34.g3** 59 **Rd8** 1:52 **35.a4** 1:34 **Rxd1** 6:19

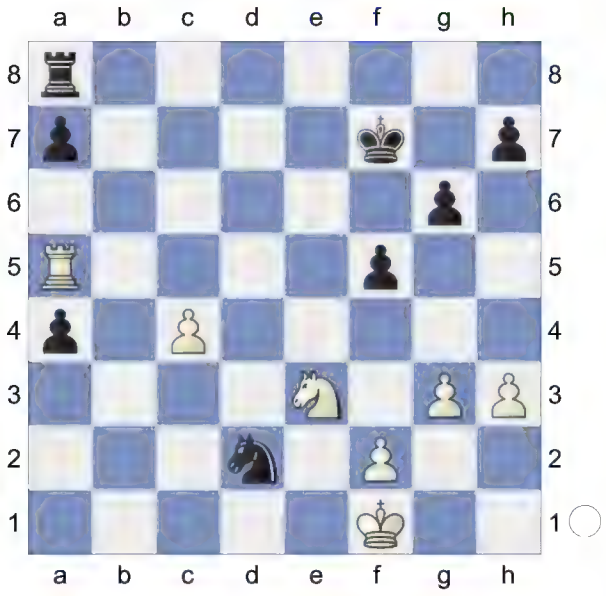


36.Rxd1∓ 4 Endgame. KRN-KRN
36...Re8 4 **37.a5** 1:18 **bxa5** 6 **38.Rb1** 10 **Ne4** 59 **39.Rb5** 1:49 **a4** 2:08 **40.Ra5** 27 **Ra8** 1:09

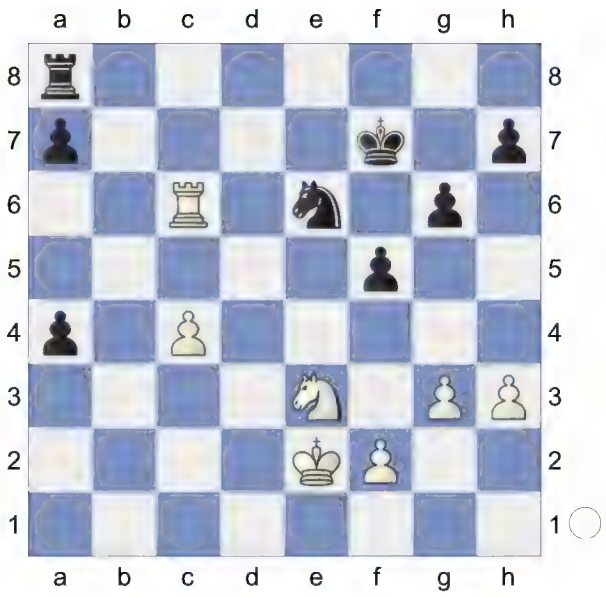
(Diagram)



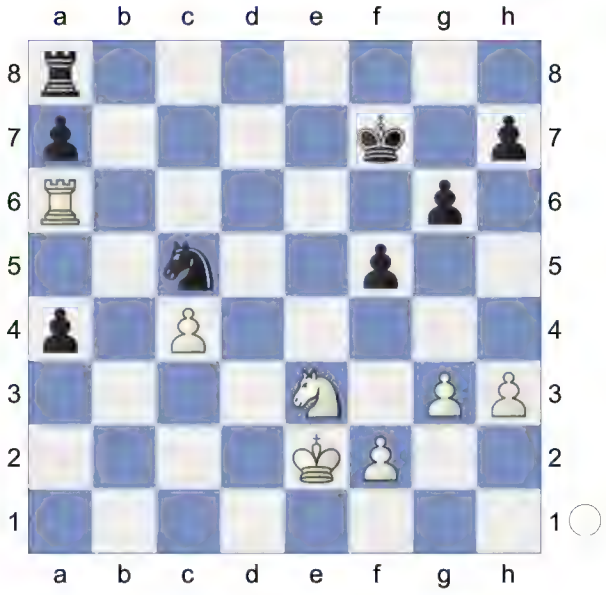
41.Kf1 2:13 **Nd2+?** 1.23/18 1:19
[41...Ke6∓ -0.36/19 stays ahead.]



42.Ke2 0.32/22 43
[42.Kg2± 1.23/18]
42...Nb3 1.22/20 5
[42...Ne4± 0.32/22]
43.Ra6 0.01/21 14
[Only move: 43.Rxa4± 1.22/20
And now Ra3 would win. a5 44.Ra3]
43...Nc5= 23 The position is equal.
44.Rc6 44 **Ne6** 37
(Diagram)

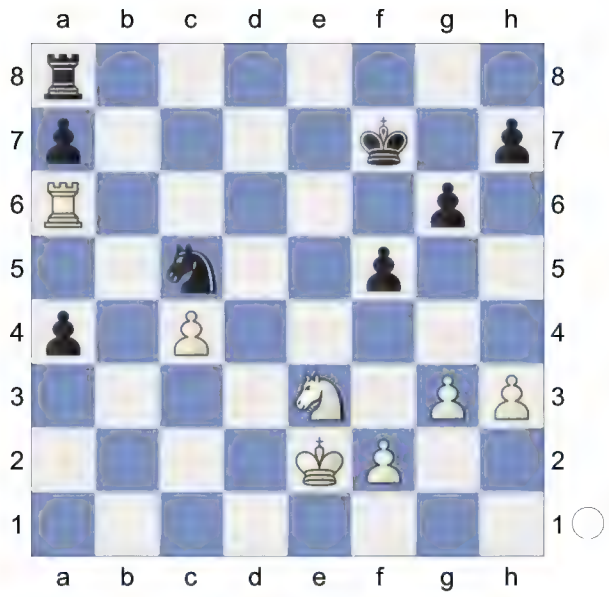


Hoping for ...Nd4+. **45.Ra6** 3 **Nc5** 1:05



46.Rc6 3 **Ne6** 17 Strongly threatening ... Nd4+. **47.Ra6** 2 **Nc5** 1:27

(Diagram)



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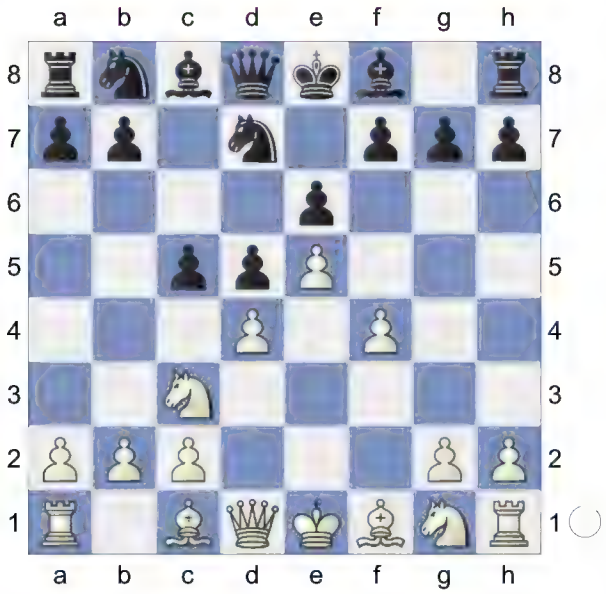
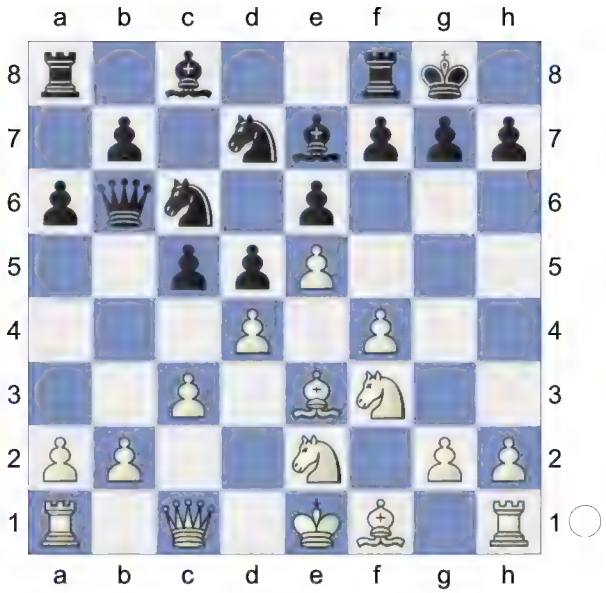
30 **C11**
□ **Maurizzi,Marc`Andria** **2581**
■ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (6.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4** 5 **e6** 9:13 **2.d4** 50 **d5** 8 **3.Nc3** 1:13 **Nf6** 7 **4.e5** 1:18 **Nfd7** 6 **5.f4** 1:21 **c5** 7



6.Nf3 14 **Nc6** 5 **7.Be3** 7 **a6** 6 **8.Ne2** 1:40 **Qb6** 49 **9.Qc1** 1:41 **Be7** 7:29 **10.c3** 2:07 The position is equal. **10...0-0** 2:59

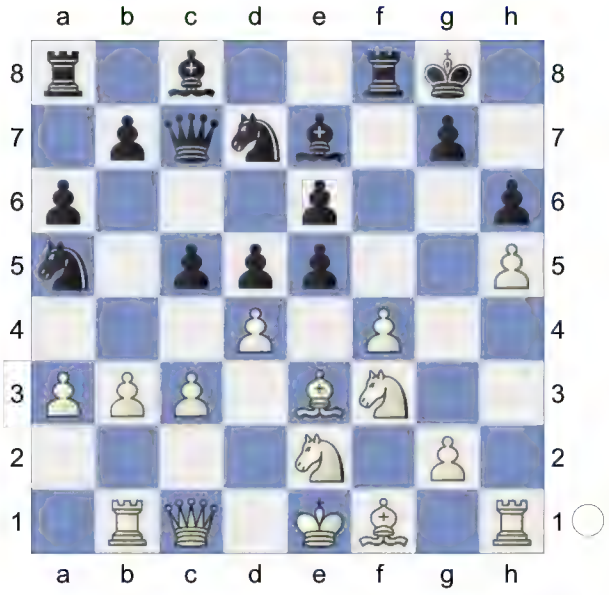
(Diagram)



11.h4 1:16
[11.g3 f6 12.Bg2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qa5+ 14.Nc3 Nb6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.b3 Bd7 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Qd2 Be7 19.Ne2 Qxd2 20.Bxd2 Rc7 21.Rac1 Rfc8 22.f5 Ba3 23.Rce1 Bb4 24.Bxb4 Nxb4 25.fxe6 Bxe6 1-0 Caruana,F (2764)-Carlsen,M (2853) Norway Chess 11th Stavanger 2023 (1)]
11...f6 8 **12.h5** 17 **h6** 2:20 **13.a3N** 1:59
[13.Rh3
A) 13...Rf7 14.Qc2 *(14.Kf2 fxe5 15.fxe5 Bg5 16.Kg1 Bxe3+ 17.Qxe3 Qxb2 18.Re1 Ne7 19.Nh4 Nf8 20.Rg3 Kh8 21.Nf4 cxd4 22.cxd4 Bd7 23.Nfg6+ Nfxg6 24.Nxg6+ Kg8 25.Nxe7+ Rxe7 26.Bd3 Kh8 27.Rb1 Qxa2 28.Rxb7 Qa4* 1-0 Xu,Y (2527)-Xu,Y (2554) ch-CHN 2021 Xinghua CHN (8.6) *)* 14...cxd4 15.Bxd4 Qc7 16.exf6 Nxd4 17.Nexd4 Rxf6 18.f5 Nc5 19.Nh4 Rf7 20.Ndf3 e5 21.g4 e4 22.Nd4 Qf4 23.Ng6 Qxg4 24.Qh2 Nd3+ 25.Bxd3 exd3 26.Re3 d2+ 27.Qxd2 Bh4+ 28.Nxh4 ½-½ Ivic,V (2599)-Di

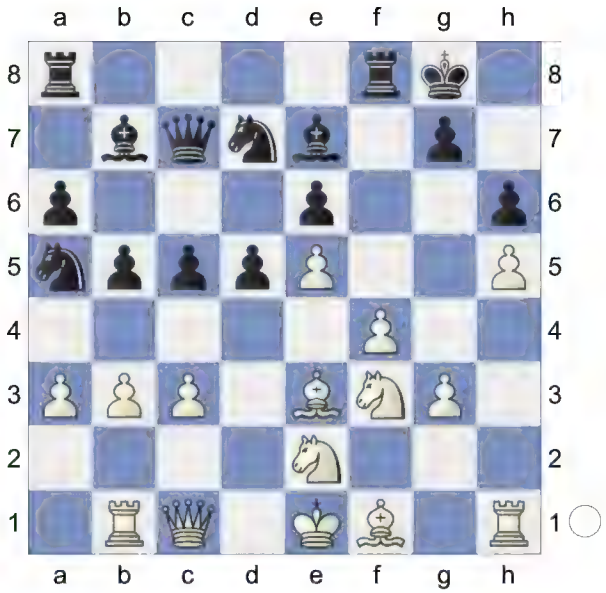
Berardino,D (2472) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (5.13);
B) 13...Qa5 14.Kf2 cxd4 15.cxd4 fxe5 16.fxe5 Ndxe5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Kg1 Ng4 19.Rg3 e5 20.Rxg4 Bxg4 21.Nxe5 Bxh5 22.Nf4 Rac8 23.Qe1 Qxe1 24.Rxe1 Bb4 25.Rb1 d4 26.Bc1 Bf7 27.Nxf7 Rxf7 0-1 Aronian,L (2781)-Bluebaum,M (2670) chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2021]

13...Na5 10:26 **14.Rb1** 24 **Qc7** 4:09
15.b3 4:35 **fxe5** 0.59/18 13:59
[15...b5= 0.22/16 should be considered.]

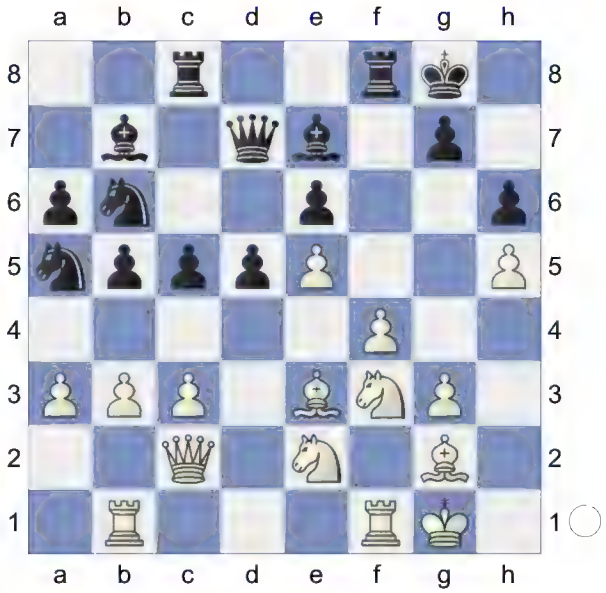


16.dxe5 8:07 **b5** 5:48 **17.g3** 2:26 **Bb7** 10

(Diagram)



Hoping for ...d4! **18.Bg2!** 46 **Rac8** 7:53
19.0-0! 1:27 **Nb6** 1.21/19 8:43
[19...d4± 0.47/16 20.cxd4 Be4]
20.Qc2 6:14 **Qd7** 1.75/19 8:05
[20...d4± 0.97/17]



21.Qg6+- 4:27 And now f5! would win.
21...Rc6? 5.63/21 7
[21...Nc6 1.74/16 is a better chance. 22.f5 exf5]

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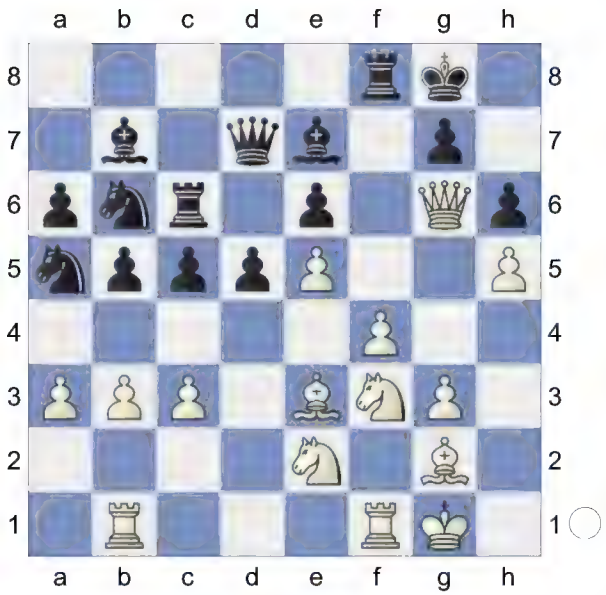
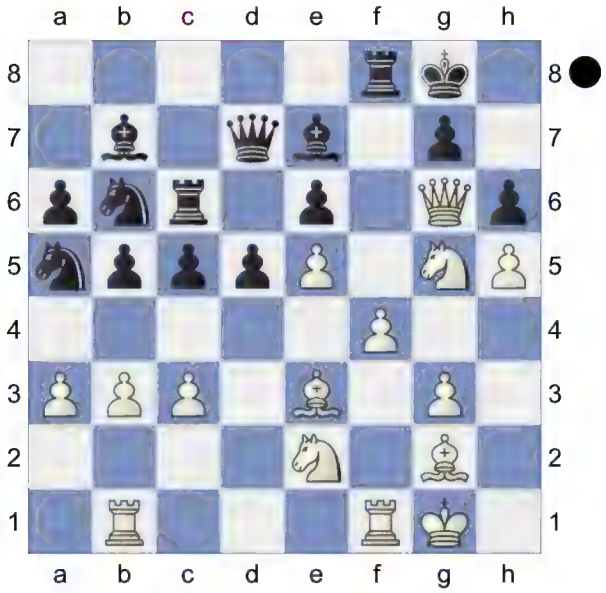


22.Ng5! 5:50



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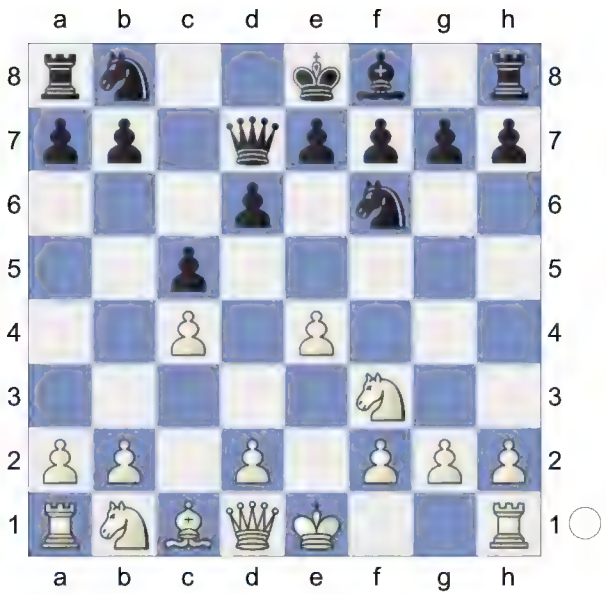
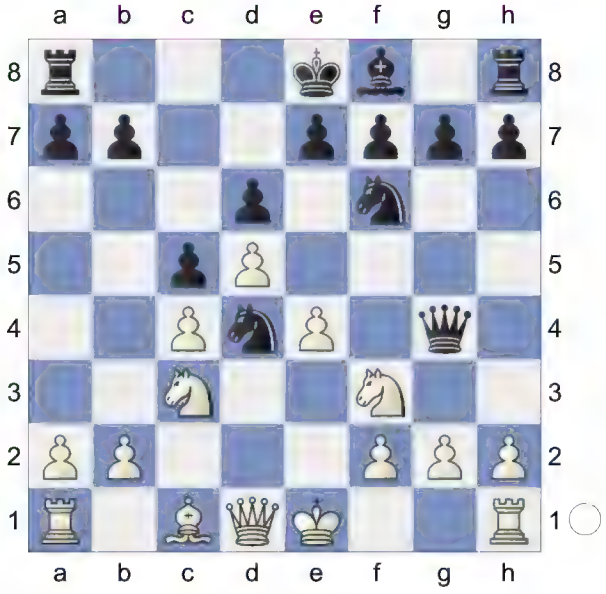
1-0

31 **B52**
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**
■ **Navara,David** **2677**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (7.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3... Bd7 **1.e4** 6:18 **c5** 4 **2.Nf3** 9 **d6** 3
3.Bb5+ 6
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 e5 7.Be3 Nge7 8.c4 0-0 9.Qd2 f5 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Nh4 f4 12.gxf4 Nec6 13.Nf3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 exf4 15.Bxf4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qf6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 0-1 Asante,D (1908)-Ortega Amarelle,M (2453) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (4.63)]
3...Bd7N 5
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell, A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.Bxd7+ 7 **Qxd7** 5 **5.c4** 15 **Nf6** 10
(Diagram)



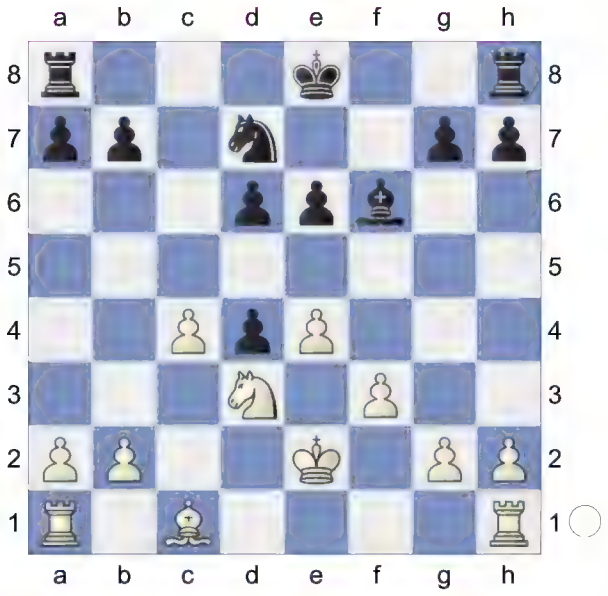
6.Nc3 14 **Nc6** 7 **7.d4** 1:44 **Qg4** 26
8.d5 10:05 **Nd4** 39



Decoy. White is slightly better. **9.Nxd4** 3:48 Threatens to win with Qxg4.
9...Qxd1+ 7 **10.Nxd1** 2:33 **cxd4** 8

(Diagram)

11.f3 7 **e5** 2:29 **12.dxe6** 17:55 **fxe6** 9 **13.Nf2** 5:40 **Be7** 8:11 **14.Ke2** 6 **Nd7** 5:44 **15.Nd3** 1:50 **Bf6** 15:39



16.Bd2 1:58 **Rc8** 1:57 **17.Rac1** 3:55 **Nc5** 6:16 **18.Bb4** 2:54 **Nxd3** 4:34 **19.Kxd3** 25 **Kd7** 17 **20.h4** 11:01 **e5** 5:55

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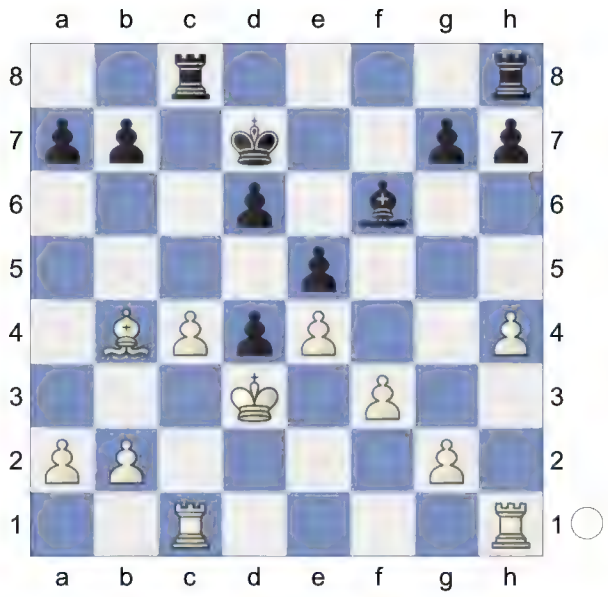
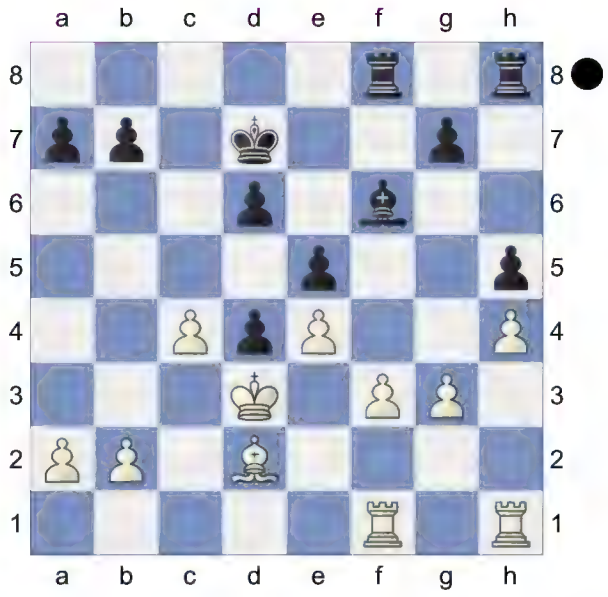


21.Bd2 2:29 **h5** 1:39 **22.g3** 52 **Rcf8** 6:33 **23.Rcf1** 3:21



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32 **D35**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Maurizzi,Marc`Andria** **2581**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (7.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation RR: 'Inf 83/(394)' Istratescu,Andrei: 'Istratescu,A: 'Inf 81/(327)" **1.d4** 2:05 **d5** 1:04 **2.c4** 11 **e6** 31 **3.Nc3** 13 **Be7** 43 **4.cxd5** 2:58 **exd5** 1:38 **5.Bf4** 7 **Nf6** 3
[5...c6 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bg3 Ne7 8.e3 Bf5 9.Qb3 Nc8 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Qb6 12.Nd2 Re8 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Na4 Qa5 15.Nc3 Bxg3 16.hxg3 Nd6 17.a3 Nf6 18.Rfc1 Re7 19.Qd1 Qd8 20.b4 Shipov,S (2625)-Lautier,J (2653) Moscow (m/4) 83/(394) 2001]

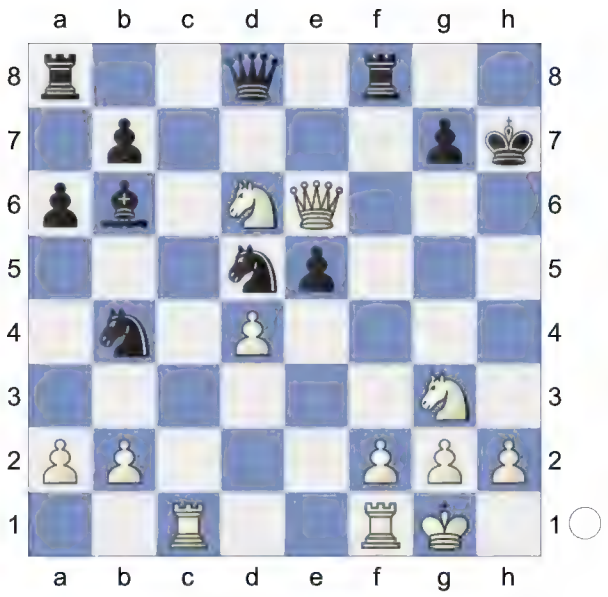
6.e3 51 **Bf5** 8 **7.Nge2** 6:15 **0-0N** 25
[7...c6 8.Ng3 Be6 *(8...Bg6 9.h4 h5 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.Bg5 Bd6 12.f4 Qb6 13.Qd2 0-0-0 14.Rc1 Kb8 15.a3 Rde8* Chapter-5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Nge2 2019*)* 9.Bd3 0-0 *(9...g6 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.Rd1 Nb6 12.f3 0-0 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Kh1 Nfd7 15.Nge2 f5 16.Bh6 Re8 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Bg5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Nf4 Bg4 21.Rde1 Nf6 22.Qc1* Istratescu,A (2578)-Vukovic,Z (2470) Bucuresti 81/(327) 2000 *)* 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qc2 h6 12.h3 Ne8 13.Nge2 Bd6 14.Rab1 Qe7 15.Na4 Nb6 16.Nc5 Bc8 17.Rfe1 Bxf4 18.Nxf4 Nd6 19.b3 Qf6 20.f3 Re8 21.Qf2 g6 22.g3 1-0 Einarsson,E (2613)-9. ♗d3 ♘c6 10. ♖d1 (2284) Cutro 1998 (5)]
8.Ng3 2:36 **Be6** 1:45 **9.Bd3** 4:32 **c5** 58 **10.dxc5** 6 **Bxc5** 5

11.0-0 23 **Nc6** 7 **12.Nb5** 16:25 **Bb6** 12:46 **13.Rc1** 8:41 **d4** 3 **14.exd4** 9:31 **a6** 5:43 **15.Nd6** 18:10 **Nd5!** 4

(Diagram)

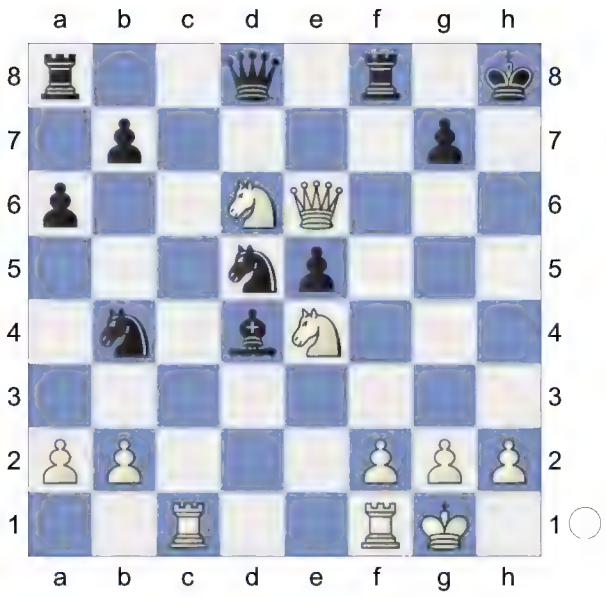
16.Be5 4 **f6!** 2 **17.Qc2** -1.00/21 3:41 **Ncb4** -0.01/20 16:17
[17...fxe5 18.Nxb7 Qf6 19.Qxc6]
[17...Qd7∓ -1.00/21 18.Nxb7 *(18.Bxh7+ Kh8∓)* 18...Nxe5 19.Bxh7+ Kh8]
18.Bxh7+= 9 **Kh8** 1 **19.Qg6** 42 The position is equal. **19...fxe5** 2:04
20.Qxe6 1:41
[20.Nxb7? Qe7 21.Qe4 Qxb7-+]
[20.dxe5? Nf4 *(20...Nxa2 21.Qxe6 Nxc1 22.Be4±)* 21.Qe4 Nbd3-+ *(21...Nxa2 22.Rcd1∓)*]
20...Kxh7 2:18

(Diagram)



21.Qh3+ 7
[21.Qxe5 Nf4 22.Rcd1 Qd7 *(22...Nxa2 23.Nh5=)* 23.Qe4+ Kh8∓]
21...Kg8 3 **22.Qe6+** 4
[22.Nxb7? Nf4 23.Nxd8 Nxh3+ 24.gxh3 Raxd8 25.dxe5 Bxf2+ *(25...Nxa2? 26.Rc6-+)* 26.Kh1 *(26.Rxf2? Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Nd3+ 28.Ke3 Nxc1-+)* 26...Nd3-+ *(26...Nxa2? 27.Rc4-+)*]
22...Kh7 6 **23.Qh3+** 6:04
[Much weaker is 23.Qxe5 Qf6 24.Rcd1 Qxe5 25.dxe5 Nf4∓]
[23.dxe5? Nf4 24.Qg4 Nbd3-+]
23...Kg8 4 **24.Nge4** 6
[24.Nxb7? perishes. Nf4 25.Nxd8 Nxh3+ 26.gxh3 Raxd8 27.dxe5 Rde8-+ *(27...Nxa2 28.Rc6-+; 27...Nd3? 28.Rc6-+)*]
24...Bxd4 7:37 Strongly threatening ... Qe7. **25.Qe6+** 12:09 **Kh8** 3:08

(Diagram)

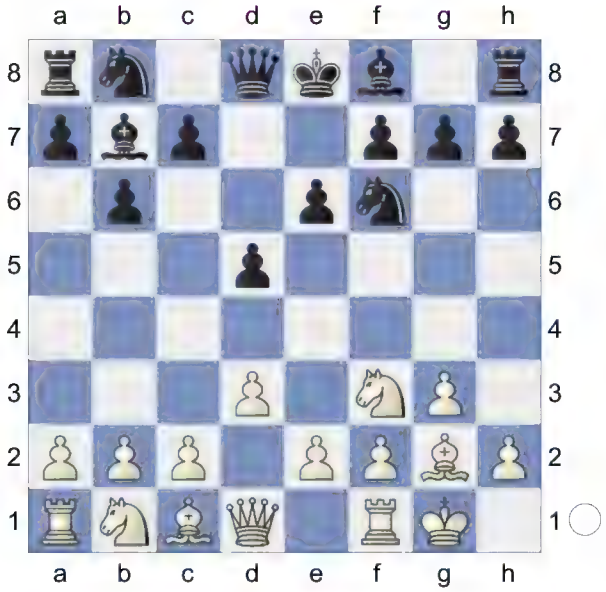


26.Qh3+ 1 **Kg8** 0 ...Qe7 would now be deadly. **27.Qe6+** 5:17 **Kh8** 15 White must now prevent ...Qe7. **28.Qh3+** 45

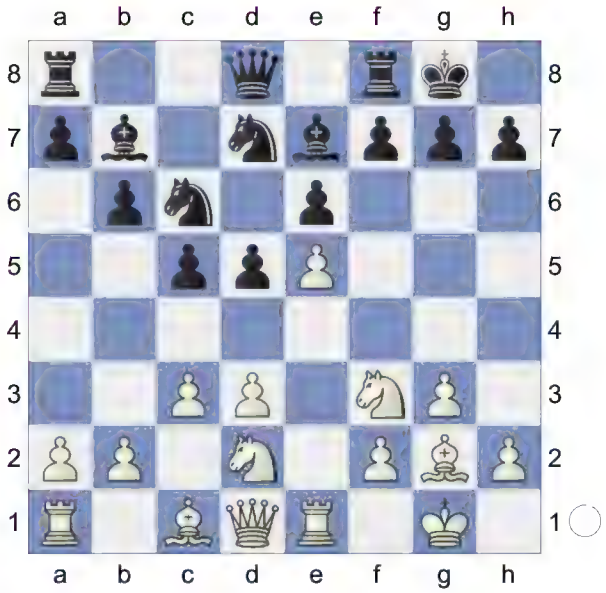
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

33 **C00**
□ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
■ **Moussard,Jules** **2595**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (7.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves
Bojan Vuckovic: 'Current Reputation: Playable for both sides' **1.Nf3** 6 **d5** 1:13 **2.g3** 1:03 **b6** 10 **3.Bg2** 46 **Bb7** 17 **4.0-0** 1:50 **e6** 12 **5.d3** 6:56 **Nf6** 36

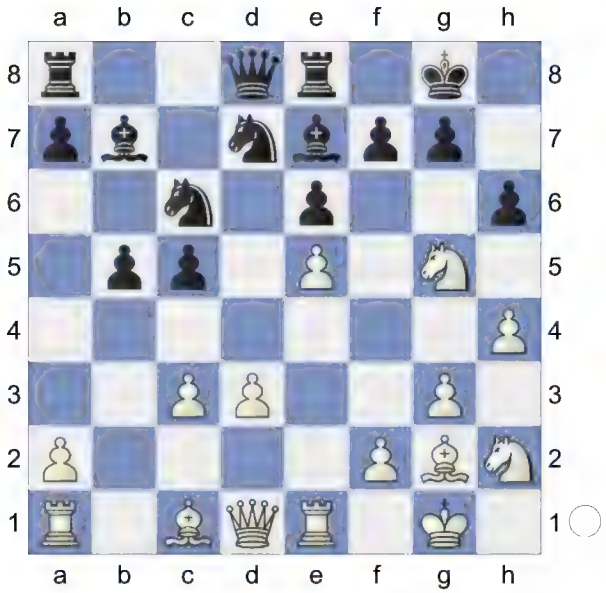


6.Nbd2 5:12 **c5** 29
[6...Be7 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 0-0 9.Qe2 Qc8 10.e5 Nfd7 11.Ne4 Na6 12.Bg5 Re8 13.Bxe7 Rxe7 14.Rad1 Nac5 15.Nxc5 Nxc5 16.Nd4 Qe8 17.b4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Nb7 19.Qf3 c5 20.Nc6 Rc7 21.b5 ½-½ Shirov,A (2710)-Lautier,J (2580) Biel 1992 (14)]
[6...Nbd7 7.Re1 Bc5 8.c4 0-0 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nb3 Bb4 11.Bd2 a5 12.Nbd4 Re8 Reti Opening,C-King'S Indian Attack,P 025 Linz 2014]
7.e4 41 **Be7N** 22
[7...dxe4 8.Ng5 Be7 9.Ngxe4 Nc6 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Qg4 g6 13.Ng5 0-0 14.Nxe6 Qd7 0-1 Seret,J (2425)-Wauters,A Val Thorens op 12th 1987 (8)]
8.Re1 1:07 **Nc6** 22 **9.c3** 5:42 **0-0** 1:39 **10.e5** 11 **Nd7** 12



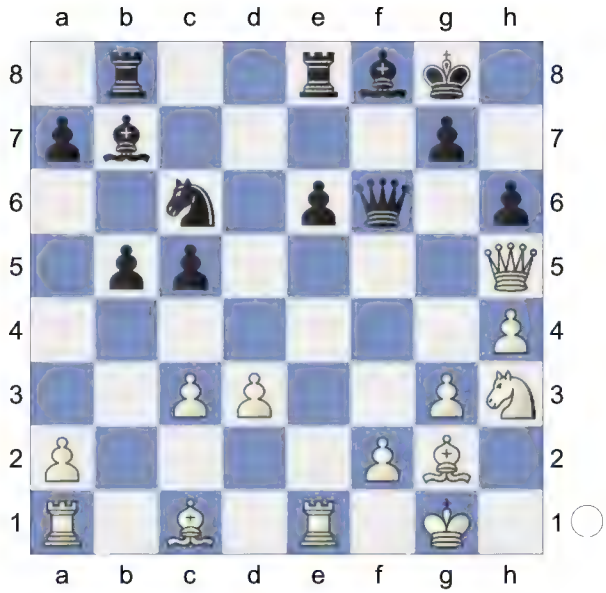
11.Nf1 23 **b5** 58 **12.h4** 23 **d4** 52 **13.N1h2** 9:12 **dxc3** 11:15 **14.bxc3** 7
The position is equal. **14...Re8** 0.15/15 35:14
[14...Nb6 -0.25/17 might be stronger.]
15.Ng5 21:31 **h6** 10:32
[15...Ndxe5?! 16.Rxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxb7+-]

(Diagram)

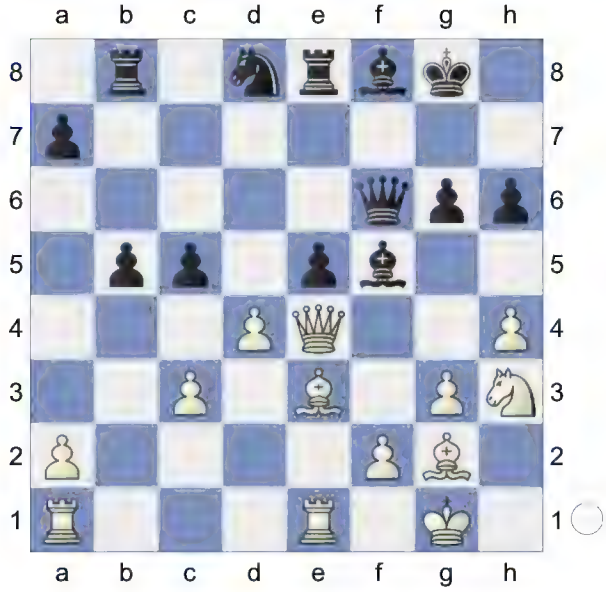


16.Nh3 7:59
[16.Nxf7 feels hotter. Kxf7 17.d4 cxd4 18.Ng4]
16...Bf8 6:47
[16...Ndxe5 17.Rxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxb7±]
17.Qh5 6:18 **Rb8** 12:56 **18.Ng4** 3:54 **f5?** 2.96/22 7:16
[18...Ne7= 0.01/17 and Black has nothing to worry.]
19.exf6+- 6:10 **Nxf6** 5 **20.Nxf6+** 1.42/21 6:04
[20.Nxh6++- 2.99/21 and White stays clearly on top. gxh6 21.Qg6+ Bg7 22.Bxh6]
20...Qxf6± 2

(Diagram)

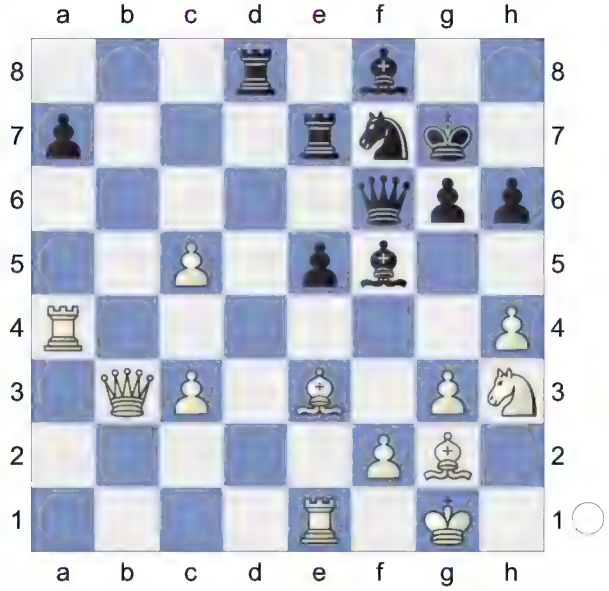


21.Bf4 0.07/19 10 White is more active.
[21.Be4!± 1.26/19 Bg5! would now be deadly. Qxc3 22.Be3]
21...g6= 2:12 **22.Qg4** 1:14 **e5** 43 **23.Be3** 1:27 **Bc8** 47 **24.Qe4** 53 **Nd8** 0.65/18 23
[24...Bb7= -0.01/19 25.Qg4 Na5]
25.d4± 4:44 **Bf5** 1.12/21 48
[25...Bb7± 0.53/19 26.Qg4 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 Qc6+ 28.Kh2 h5]

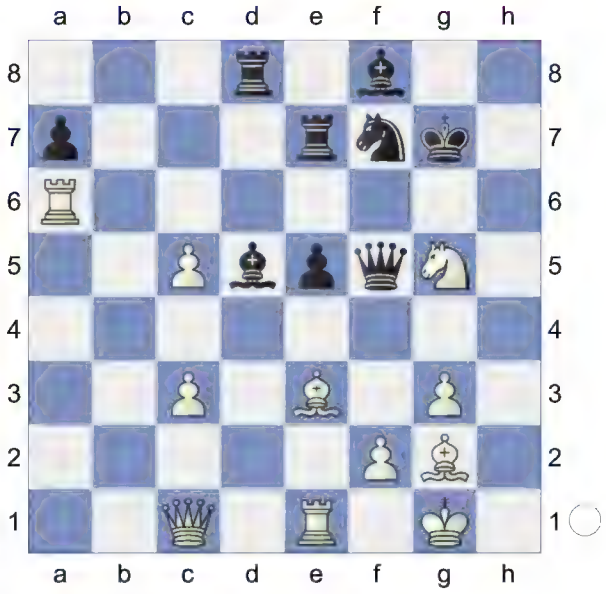


26.Qd5+ 0.40/20 54
[White should play 26.dxe5± 1.12/21

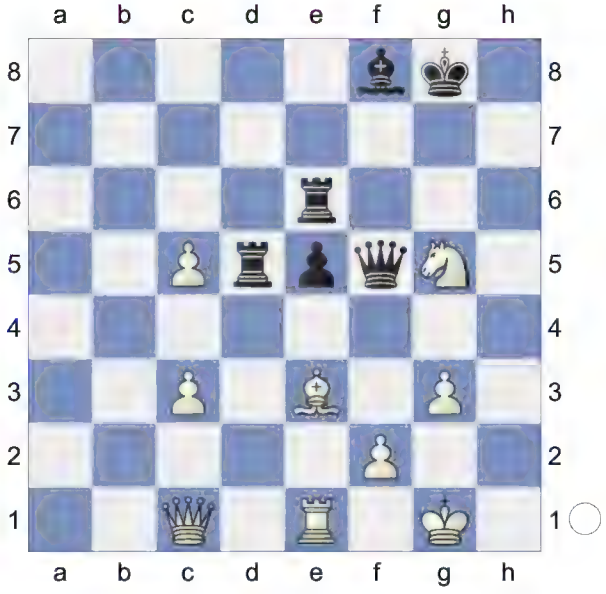
Qxe5 27.Qxe5 Rxe5 28.Nf4]
26...Nf7 13 aiming for ...exd4. **27.dxc5** 43 **Rbd8** 1.40/20 1:09 Dodges c6. Black is on the road to losing.
[27...Red8± 0.53/20 28.Qb3 Rdc8]
28.Qb3± 17 **Kg7** 1.90/19 1:42
[28...Be6± 1.28/18 29.Qxb5 g5]
29.a4+- 2:13
[29.Qxb5 g5±]
29...bxa4 2.13/19 1:36
[29...Rd3± 1.54/19 30.axb5 Rxe3 Remove Defender 31.fxe3 *(31.Rxe3 Bxc5 32.Re2 Bb6+-)* 31...Bxc5]
30.Rxa4 14 **Re7** 16



31.Qa3 1:40 **g5** 2:32 **32.hxg5** 2.32/19 11
[32.Rxa7 g4=]
[⌓32.g4 1.89/20 Bc8 33.hxg5 *(33.Rxa7 Bxg4 34.Ra4 Bf5±)* 33...hxg5 34.Qc1 *(34.Rxa7 Bxg4 35.Ra6 Qf5=)*]
32...hxg5 2 **33.Ra6** 30
[33.Rxa7 g4±]
33...Be6? 4.52/19 2
[33...Re6 1.96/22 34.Rxe6 *(34.Rxa7 Re7±)* 34...Bxe6]
34.Qc1 15 White is clearly winning.
[34.Rxa7 g4=]
34...Qf5 1:14 **35.Nxg5** 2:10 Strongly threatening Bh3. **35...Bd5** 2

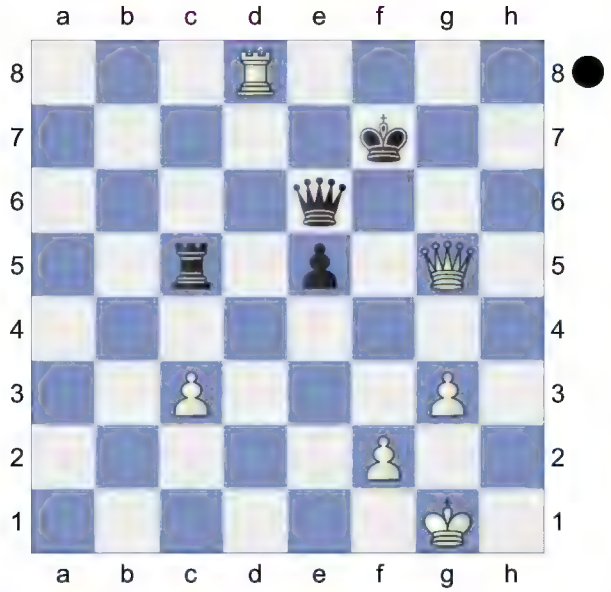


36.Ne4! 2:40 **Re6** 49
[36...Bxe4? too greedy. 37.Bxe4 *(37.Bh6+ Nxh6 38.Qxh6+ Kf7+-)* 37...Qg4 38.Rg6+ Qxg6 39.Bxg6]
[36...Bc4 37.Rf6]
37.Rxa7 56 **Kg8** 1:02 **38.Rxf7** 36 **Kxf7** 37 **39.Ng5+** 18 **Kg8** 3 **40.Bxd5** 39 **Rxd5** 4



41.Nxe6 4 **Qxe6** 1 **42.Rd1** 59 **Bxc5** 9.01/20 5
[⌓42...e4 4.52/21 43.Rxd5 Qxd5]

43.Bxc5 26 **Rxc5** 1 **44.Qg5+** 10 **Kf7** 3
45.Rd8 16



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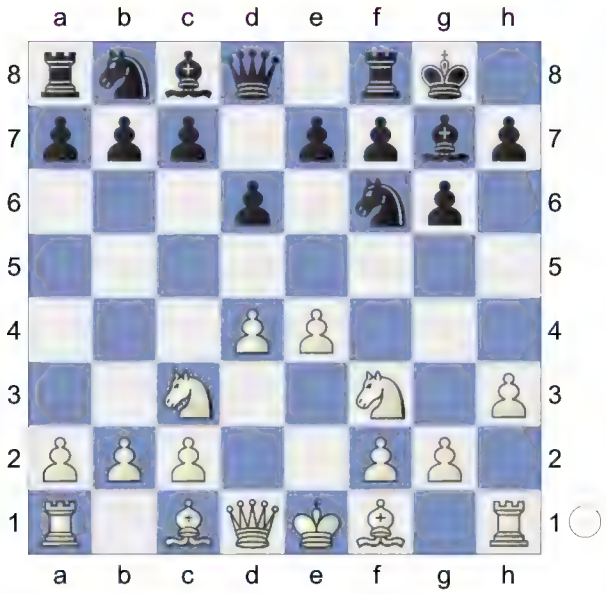
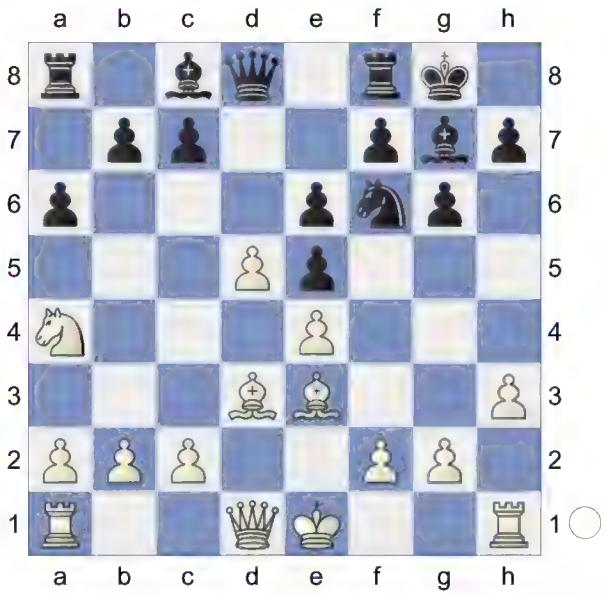
1-0

34 **B08**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (7.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
B08: Pirc Defence: Classical System
RR: 'Inf 48/(184)' **1.e4** 12 **d6** 40 **2.Nf3** 14:27 **Nf6** 1:30 **3.Nc3** 6 **g6** 15 **4.d4** 1:43 **Bg7** 1:20 **5.h3** 4:15 **0-0** 5:36

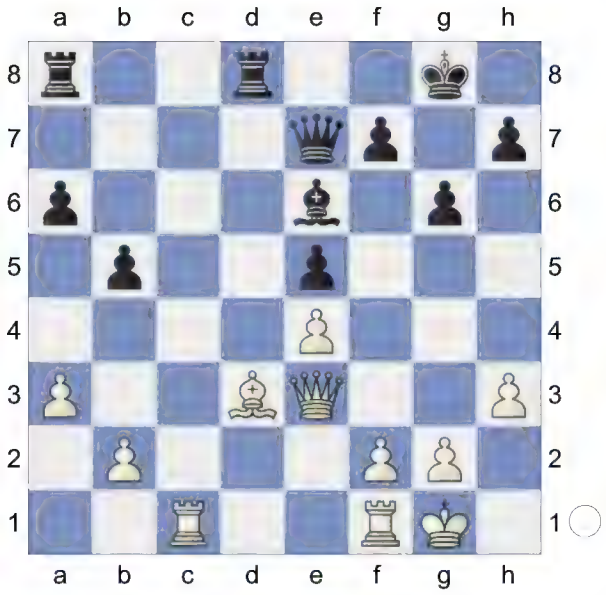


6.Be3 23 **a6** 7:10 **7.Bd3** 6:07 **Nc6** 2:21
B08: Pirc Defence: Classical System.
[7...b5 8.Ne2 Bb7 9.Ng3 Nfd7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.c3 e5 12.Qd2 Ne7 13.Bh6 f5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Ng5 Kh8 16.Ne6 Qc8 17.Nxf8 Qxf8 18.f4 exd4 19.cxd4 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Bxe4 21.Nxe4 Nf5 22.d5 1-0 Shamatava,A (2130)-Van der Wiel, J (2178) Sautron op qual 19th 2019 (10)]
8.d5 10:01 **Ne5N** 2:07
[8...Nb8 9.0-0 b5 10.Qd2 c6 11.Bh6 Bb7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.dxc6 Nxc6 14.a4 b4 15.Nd5 Qa5 16.Nxf6 exf6 08/06 2001]
9.Nxe5 31 **dxe5** 7 White has an edge.
White is slightly better. **10.Na4N** 30:46
[10.Qe2 e6 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.Bc4 c6 14.Kb1 Rfd8 15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.Rxd8+ Rxd8 ½-½ Pert,R (2416)-Galyas,M (2448) Douglas Manx Liberty 2021 (1)]
10...e6 7:11

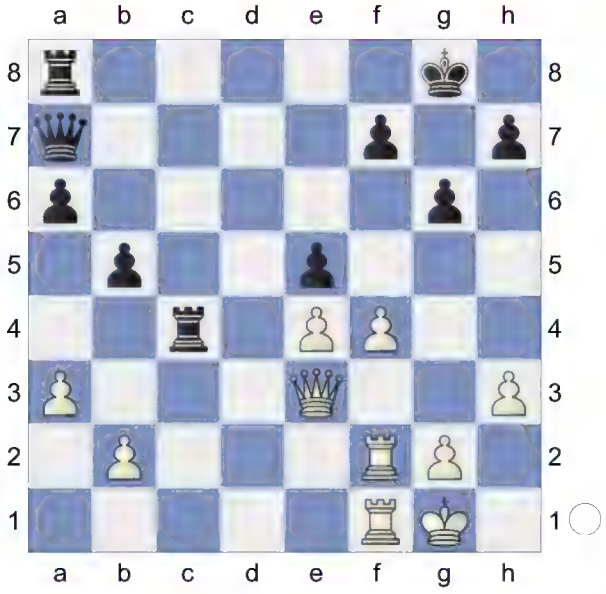


11.c4 23 **b5** 2 **12.Nc3** 20 **exd5** 7:35 **13.Nxd5** 1:57 **Be6** 2:44 **14.Rc1** 7:36 **c6** 3:57 **15.Nxf6+** 2:00 **Bxf6** 3:45

16.0-0 4:58 **Bg5** 50 **17.Qf3** 8:23 **Qe7** 6:42 **18.cxb5** 1:34 **Bxe3** 40 **19.Qxe3** 1 **cxb5** 43 **20.a3** 40 **Rfd8** 5:09

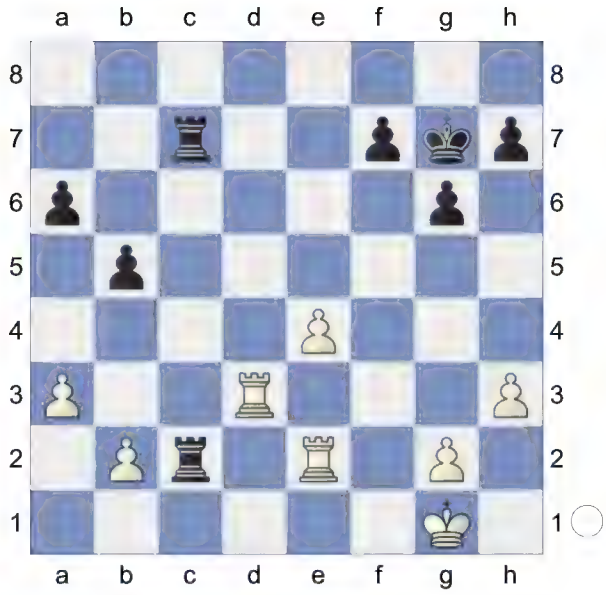


21.Be2 29 **Rd4** 5:18 **22.f4** 39 **Bc4** 2:01 **23.Rc2** 3:35 **Bxe2** 20:15 **24.Rxe2** 5 **Rc4** 19 **25.Ref2** 1:11 **Qa7** 4:21

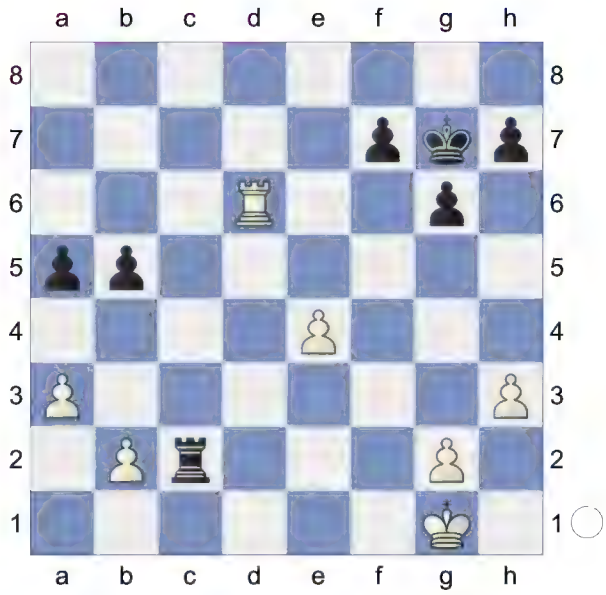


26.Qxa7 27 **Rxa7∓** 2 Endgame. Endgame KRR-KRR **27.Re2** 28 **exf4** 2:04 **28.Rxf4** 2 **Kg7** 7 **29.Rf3** 51 **Rac7** 1:35 **30.Rd3** 46 The position is equal. **30...Rc2** 43

(Diagram)



31.Rxc2 25 **Rxc2=** 6 KR-KR **32.Rd6** 8 **a5** 48



and ...a4! would now be decisive **33.b3** 5 **Rc3** 49 **34.Ra6** 6 **Rxb3** 2 The position is equal. **35.Rxa5** 4 **Kf6** 11

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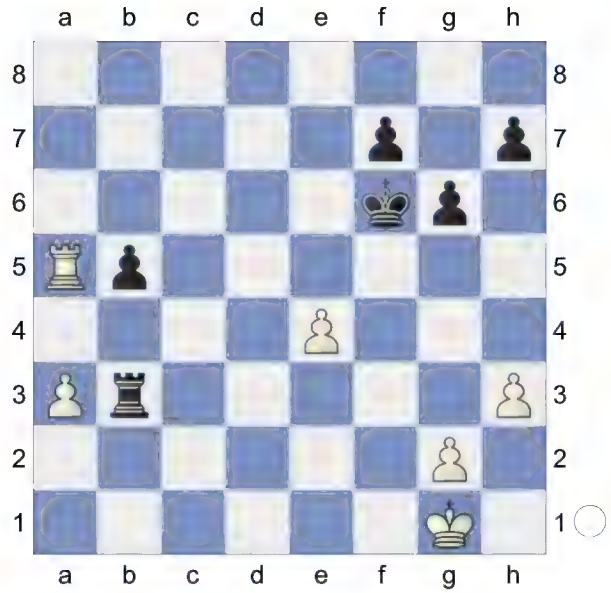
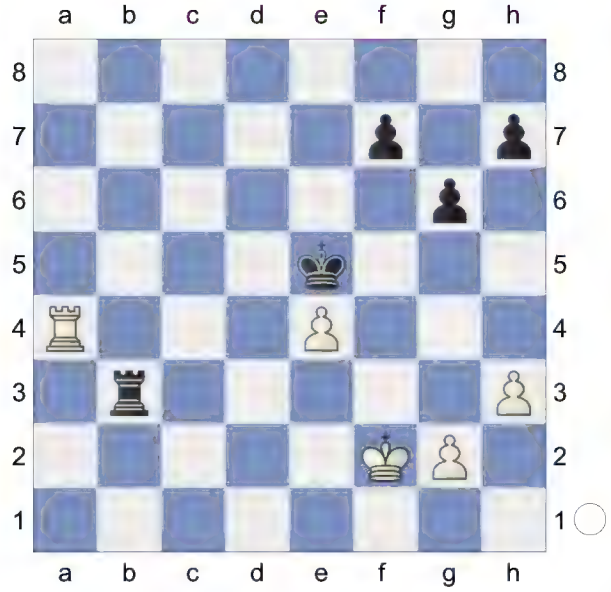


36.Kf2 45 **Ke6** 29 **37.a4** 7 **bxa4** 1:45
38.Rxa4 5 **Ke5** 8:11



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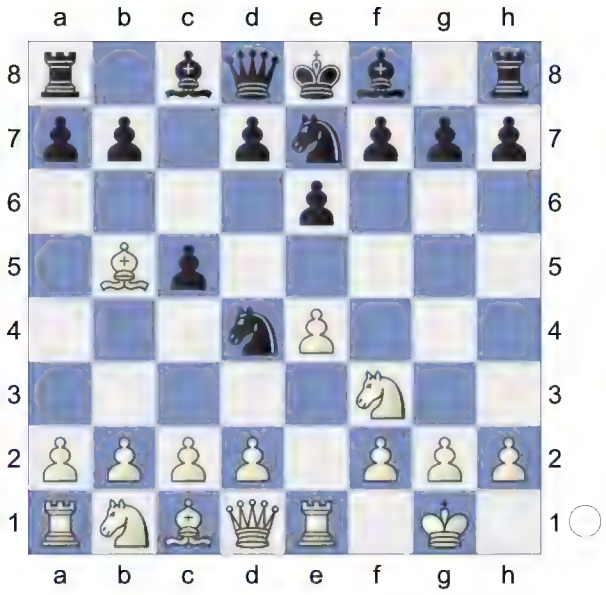
½-½

35 **B30**
□ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
■ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (7.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370" **1.e4** 3 **c5** 18 **2.Nf3** 5 **Nc6** 13 **3.Bb5** 4
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th Issy les Moulineaux 2011 (3)]
3...e6 24 **4.0-0** 7 **Nge7** 4 **5.Re1N** 5
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 corr ICCF 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]
5...Nd4 1:09



6.Nxd4 2:50 **cxd4** 52 **7.c3** 32 **a6** 40 **8.Bf1** 47 B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6. **8...Nc6** 11 **9.b4** 3:04 9.b4 is better than 9.d3. Wards off Bc5 **9...Bd6** 3:27 **10.Bb2** 3:35 White is slightly better. White is slightly better.
10...dxc3 2:20

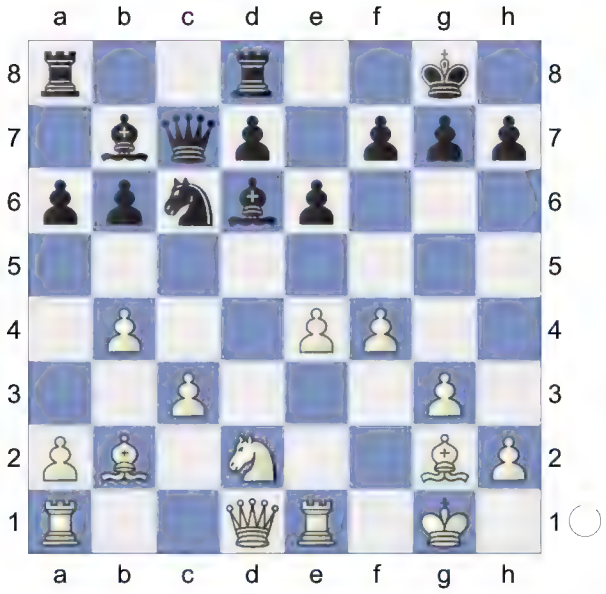
11.dxc3 2:33 **Qc7** 30 **12.g3** 8:05 **0-0** 3:41 **13.Nd2** 1:58 **b6** 3:07 **14.f4N** 7:27
[Predecessor: 14.Bg2 Bb7 15.Qe2 Rac8 16.Rad1 Rfd8 17.Nc4 Be7 1.13/19 *(17...Bf8± 0.38/21)* 18.e5± d5 1.58/21 *(⌓18...Na5* 1.09/20

19.Nd6 Bxg2) 19.exd6± Bxd6 20.Bc1 1-0 Schmider,N (2393)-Wartiovaara,O (2340) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (8)]

14...Bb7 8:25 **15.Bg2** 3:57

[15.Nc4!? Be7□ 16.Ne3=]

15...Rfd8 43

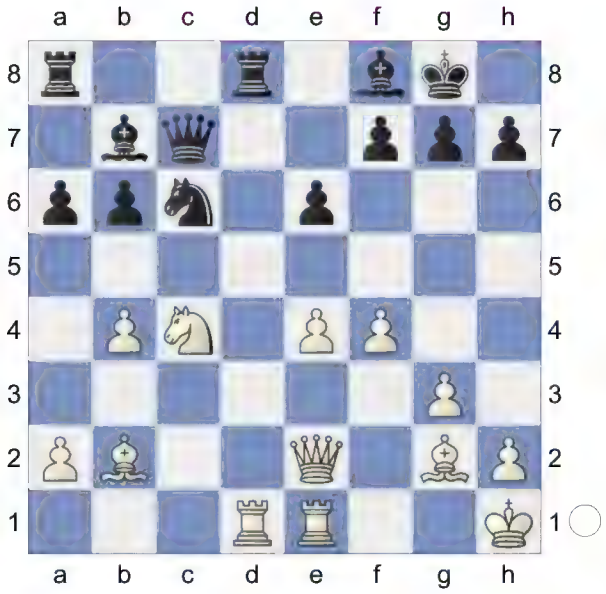


16.Qe2 3:36 **Bf8** 3:22 **17.Rad1** 4:31 **Ne7** 8:16 **18.Kh1** -0.20/16 7:59

[18.c4=]

[18.c4 0.16/17 was preferrable.]

18...d5∓ 7:54 **19.c4** 5:51 **dxc4** 8:37 **20.Nxc4** 2:47 **Nc6** 2:20

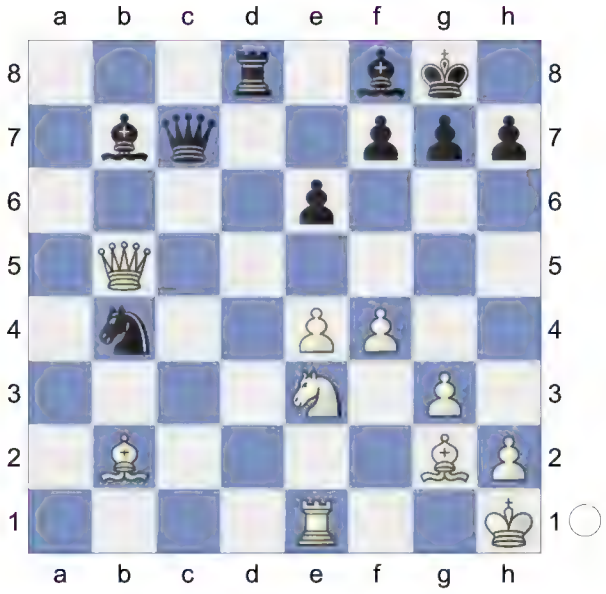


Black wants to play ...b5. **21.a3** 44 **b5↑** 1:12 White is under pressure. Threatens to win with ...Rxd1. Black has good play. **22.Ne3** 6:40 **a5** 8:11 **23.Rxd8** -0.81/19 3:00

[23.bxa5!= remains equal. Qxa5 24.Bf1 -1.14/20 *(24.f5∓ -0.33/20)*]

[23.bxa5!∓ -0.35/21 should be considered. Rxa5 *(23...Qxa5 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Rb1∓)* 24.Rxd8 Qxd8 25.Rb1]

23...Rxd8∓ 3:28 **24.Qxb5** 7:18 **axb4** 34 **25.axb4** 28 **Nxb4** 3:32



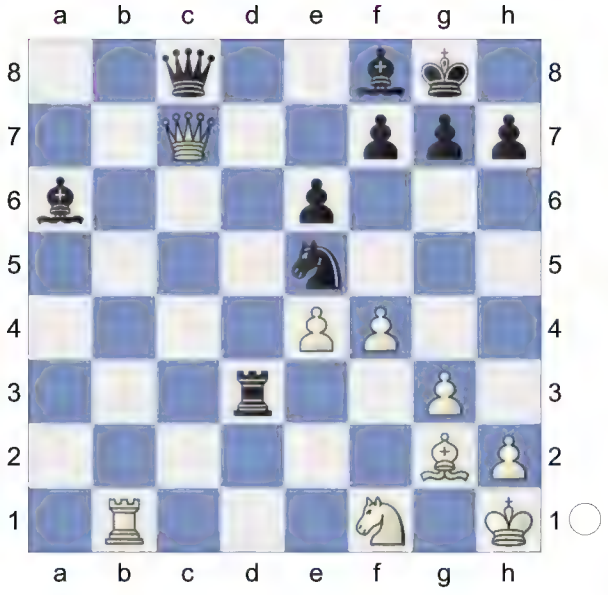
26.Be5 -1.54/21 1:59

[26.Rb1∓]

[⌓26.Ng4 -0.75/24]

(Diagram)

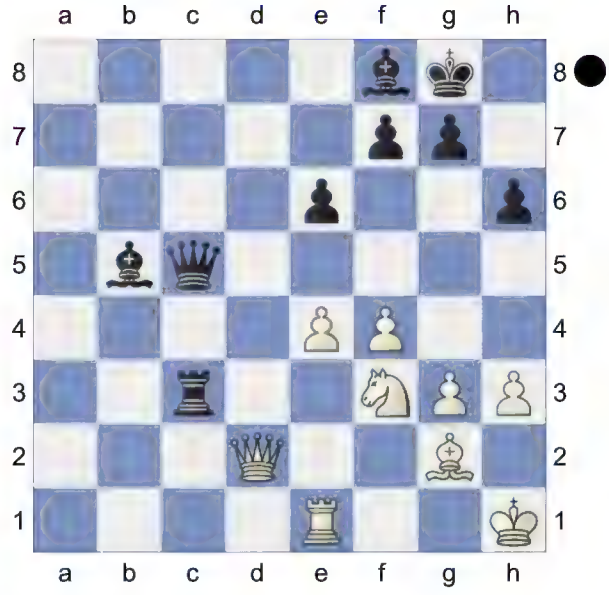
26...Qc8! 4:48 **27.Rb1** 10:42 **Ba6** 10:00 **28.Qa5** 49 **Rd3** 5:47
[Don't do 28...Nc6 29.Qc7]
29.Nf1 1:44 **Nc6** 4:06 **30.Qc7** 18 **Nxe5** 43



31.Qxe5 2 **Qc4** -1.15/21 2:23
[31...Qc2-+ -1.68/19 32.Ra1 Bb7]
32.Qb2 2:10 **Rc3** 1:04 ...Rc2 is the strong threat. **33.Nd2** 4:52 **Qc5** 1:22
34.Nf3 1:01 **Bd3** 2:30 **35.Re1** 24 **h6** 24

(Diagram)

36.Qd2 2:18 **Bb5** 56 **37.h3?** -3.16/23 1:41
[Better is 37.Rb1∓]
[37.Rb1∓ -1.27/20]



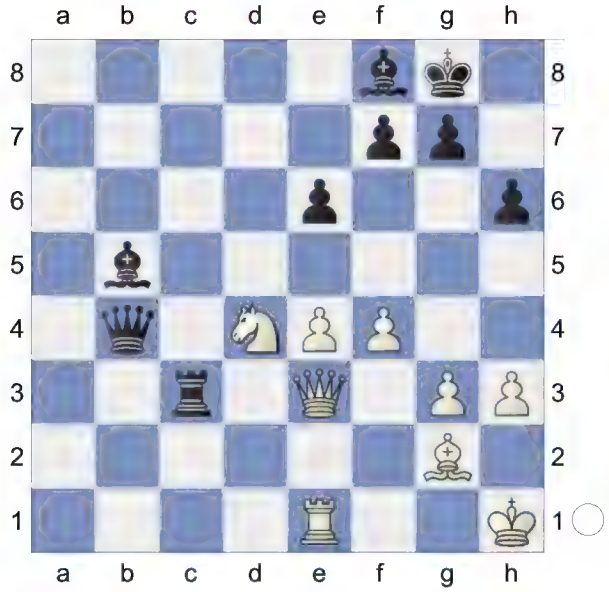
37...Rc2? -1.39/23 25
[37...Qa3!-+ Hoping for ...Rd3!. 38.Ne5 -3.90/23 *(⌓38.Ng1 -2.68/20)* 38...Rxg3]
[37...Qa3-+ -3.16/23 has better winning chances. 38.Rb1 Bd3 *(38...Rxf3 39.Rxb5 Rxg3 40.Kh2∓)*]
38.Qe3 56 **Qb4** 37 Black has more

active pieces. Strongly threatening ... Bc5. **39.Nd4?** -5.16/21 2:24 Now White is beyond hope.

[39.Rc1∓ Bc5 40.Qe1 Rxc1 -1.04/22 *(40...Qxe1+-+ -1.68/22 41.Rxe1 g6)* 41.Qxc1]

[39.Rc1∓ -1.51/22 is more resistant. Bc5 40.Qe1 Rxc1 41.Qxc1]

39...Rc3-+ 33

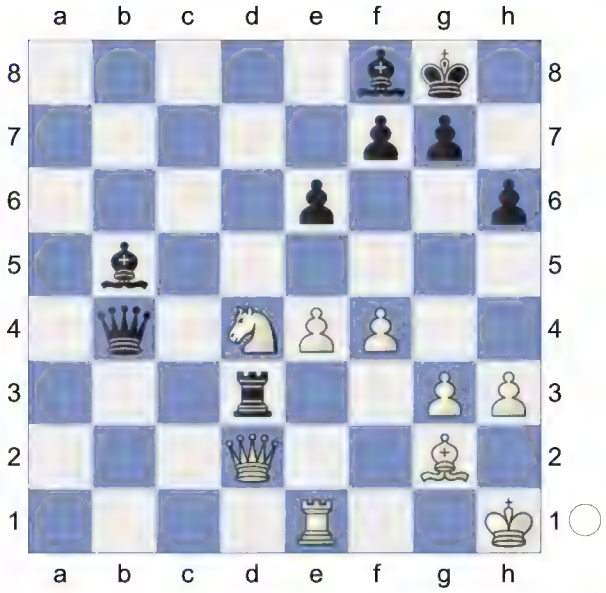


Black is winning. Skewer. Black is clearly winning. **40.Qd2** 12

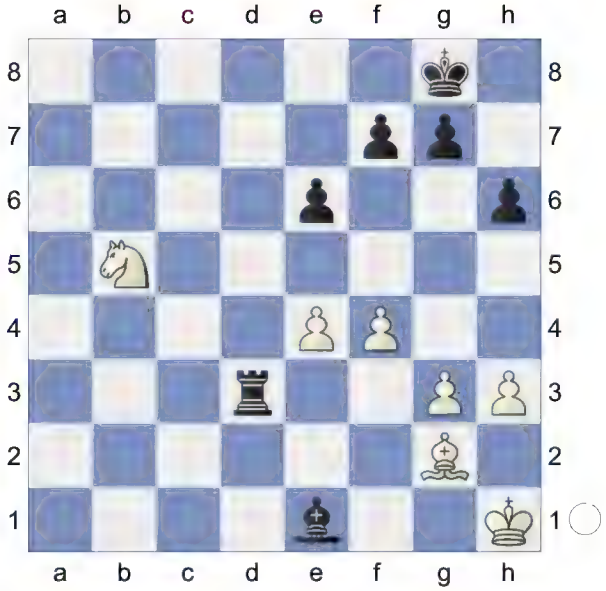
and Nxb5 would now be decisive. And now Nxb5 would win. **40...Rd3!** 39

[Not 40...Rxg3? 1.16/19 40...Rd3 -5.15 41.Qxb4 Bxb4 42.Rb1±]

[40...Rxg3 41.Qxb4 Bxb4 42.Rb1±]



Discovered Attack **41.Qxb4** 44 **Bxb4** 4 **42.Nxb5** 27 **Bxe1** 5



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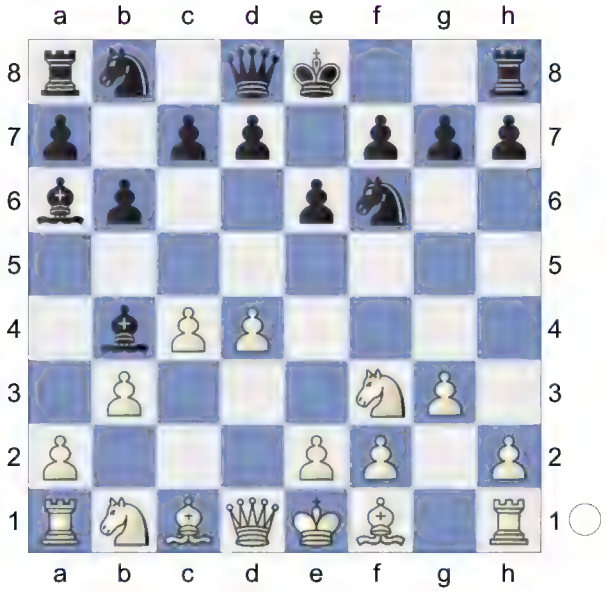
White=0.37/Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

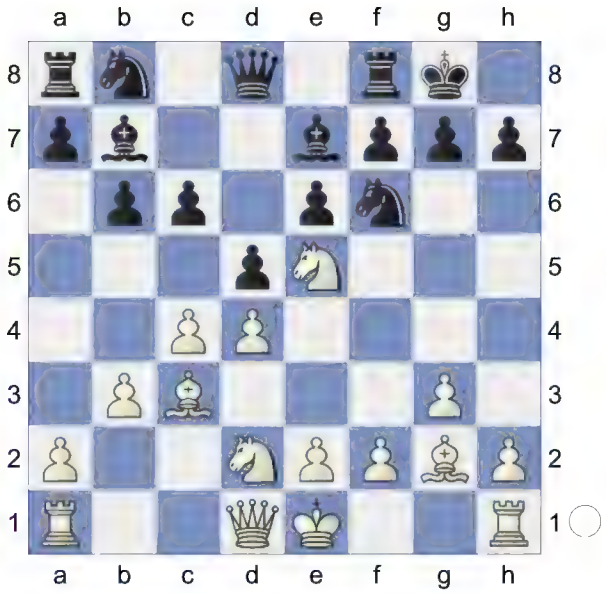
36 **E15**
□ **Navara,David** **2677**
■ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (8.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
E15: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 sidelines, 4 g3 Ba6 and 4 g3 Bb7 early deviations
Dautov,Rustem: 'Epishin,V: 'Inf 59/561"
1.d4 4 **Nf6** 1:22 **2.c4** 8 **e6** 9 **3.Nf3** 4 **b6** 37 **4.g3** 14 **Ba6** 21 **5.b3** 8 **Bb4+** 55



6.Bd2 5 **Be7** 5 **7.Bg2** 47 **c6** 32 **8.Bc3** 1:57 8.0-0 is the modern continuation. **8...d5** 1:23 **9.Ne5** 1:23 **0-0** 3:17
E15: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 sidelines, 4 g3 Ba6 and 4 g3 Bb7 early deviations.
10.Nd2 53 **Bb7** 1:38

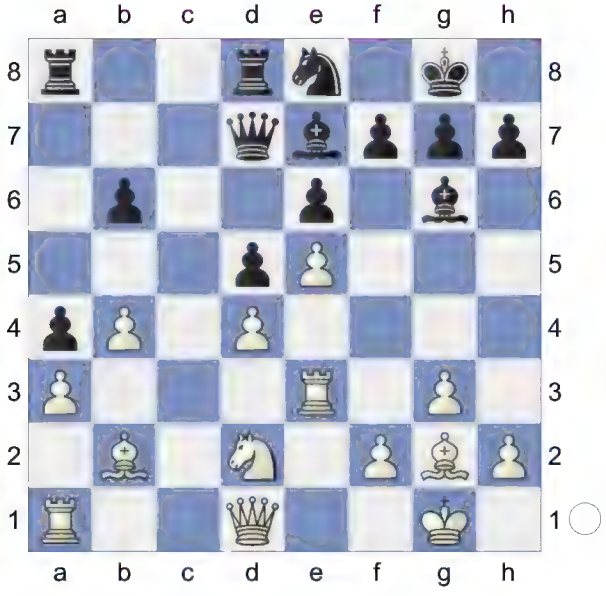
(Diagram)



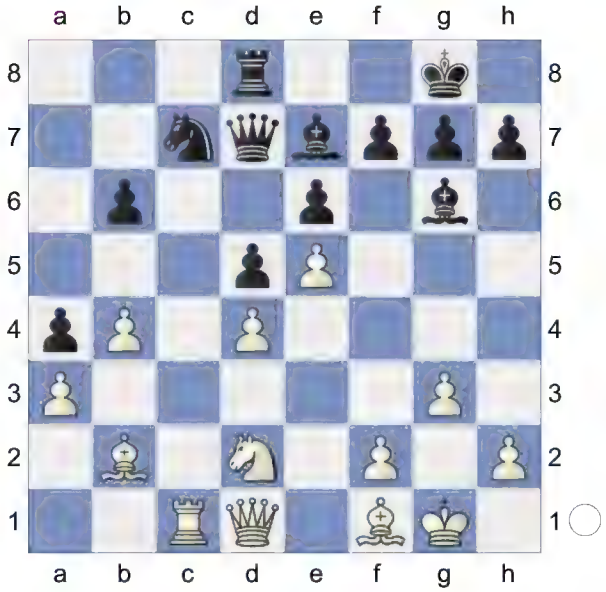
11.e4 3:48 **Nbd7** 3:25 White has an edge. **12.Nxd7** 5:05 **Qxd7** 2:30 **13.0-0** 1:03 **Rfd8** 11:14 **14.e5N** 4:10
[14.Re1 dxe4 15.Nxe4 E 15/79 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008 c5 16.d5 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 exd5 18.cxd5 Qd6 19.Qc2 Bf6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Rad1 Rab8 22.d6 g6 23.d7 Bc6 24.Bxc6 Qxc6 25.Re7 Kf8 26.Qe2 Qf6 27.Re5 Qc6 28.Red5 Kg8 29.Rd6 Qc7 30.h4 1-0 Epishin,V (2655)-Polugaevsky,L (2605) Tilburg 1993 (2) b5 31.h5 Rb6 32.Qe8+ Kg7 33.Qe5+ Kf8 34.Qh8+ Ke7 35.Qf6+ Kf8 36.Re1 1-0 Epishin, V (2590)-Gulko,B (2585) World op 26th Philadelphia 1998 (4)]
14...Ne8 6 **15.cxd5** 12
[15.Qg4 looks sharper. dxc4 16.Nxc4 c5 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Rfd1]
15...cxd5 40

(Diagram)

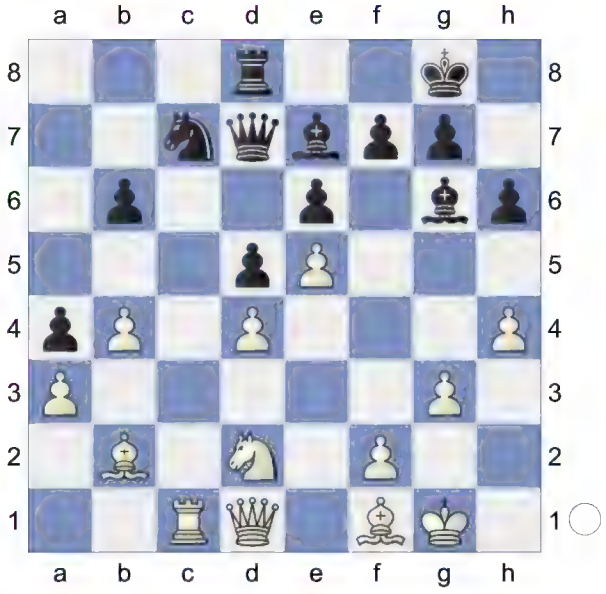
16.Bb2N 8:09
[16.Re1 Nc7 17.Nb1 Rdc8 18.Bb2 a5 19.Nc3 b5 20.a4 Ba6 21.h4 Bb4 22.Re3 ½-½ Sanner,Z (2331)-Kostanjsek,Z (2339) VW-Cup9 sf08 email 2018]
16...a5 2:22 **17.a3** 2:36 Not much happening anymore **17...a4** 8:23 **18.b4** 4:59 **Ba6** 3:43 **19.Re1** 10 **Bd3** 5:04 **20.Re3** 6:03 **Bg6** 4:49



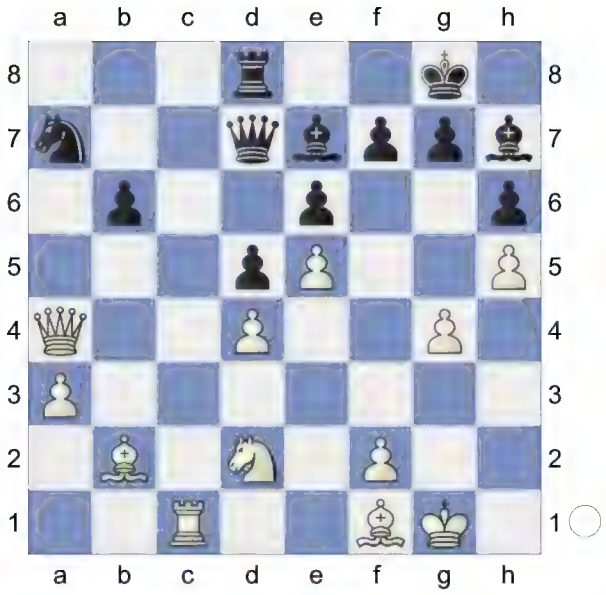
21.Rc1 1:40 **Rac8** 5:19 **22.Rec3** 2:57 **Rxc3** 1:29 **23.Rxc3** 21 **Nc7** 2:17 **24.Bf1** 2:01 **Nb5** 10:35 **25.Rc1** 15 **Nc7** 3:09



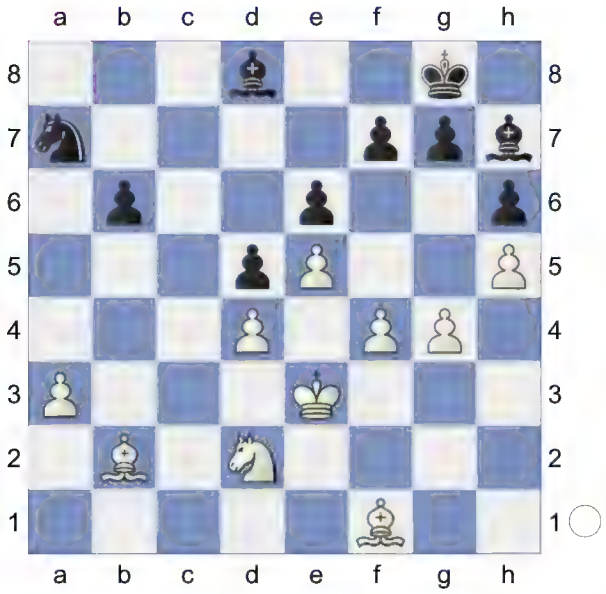
26.h4 10:55 Strongly threatening h5.
26...h6! 1:16



27.b5 0.10/21 4:32 **Nxb5=** 2:05 **28.h5!** 43 **Bf5** 1:03 **29.g4** 10 **Bh7** 2:50
[29...Bxa3? 1.94/24 29...Bh7 0.25 30.Bxb5 *(30.Qxa4?* -3.13/22 30.Bxb5 1.78 *Bxb2 31.gxf5 Bxc1-+)* 30...Qxb5 31.Bxa3+-]
[29...Bxa3? too greedy. 30.Bxb5 *(30.Qxa4? Bxb2 31.gxf5 Bxc1-+)* 30...Qxb5 31.Bxa3+-]
30.Qxa4 16 **Na7** 45

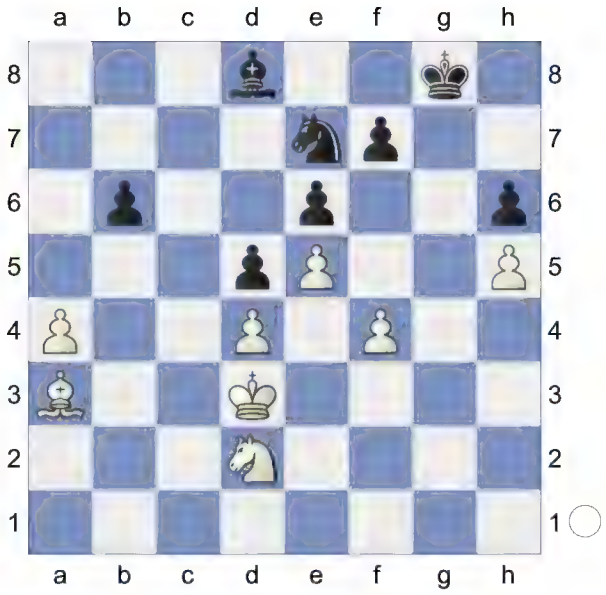


31.Qxd7 2:51 **Rxd7** 12 **32.f4** 1:08 Inhibits Bg5. **32...Bd8** 26 **33.Kf2** 1:34 **Rc7** 2:25 **34.Rxc7** 28 **Bxc7** 2 **35.Ke3** 2:23 The position is equal. **35...Bd8** 1:12



36.Bd3 5:17 **Bxd3** 2:37 **37.Kxd3** 18 Endgame. Endgame KBN-KBN **37...Nc6** 1:14 **38.a4** 46 **g6** 6:08 **39.Ba3** 6:28 **gxh5** 4:37 **40.gxh5** 18 **Ne7!** 1:05

(Diagram)

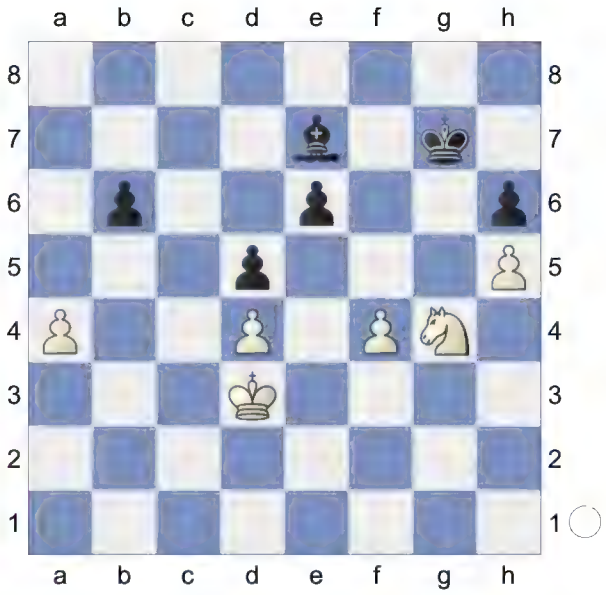


41.Bxe7 1:43 **Bxe7** 1 KB-KN **42.Nf3** 7:17 **Kg7** 2:11 **43.Nh2** 18 Black should prevent Kc3. **43...f5** 2:22 Wards off Ng4 **44.exf6+** 17 **Kxf6** 0.88/24 56

[44...Bxf6= 0.01/29 keeps the balance. 45.Ng4 Be7]

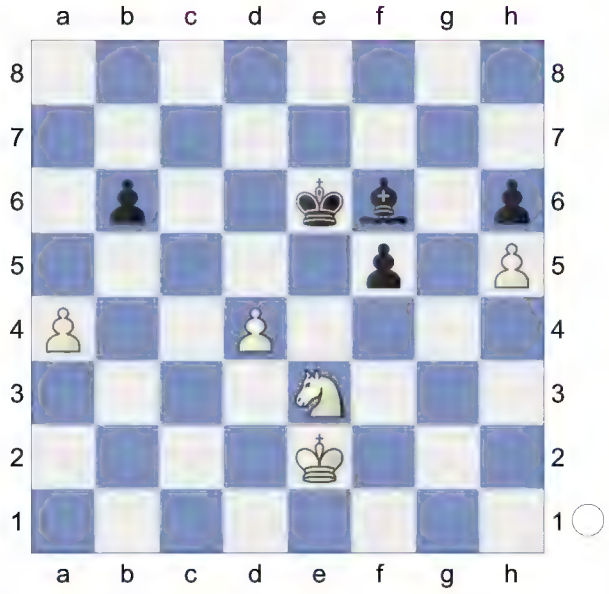
45.Ng4+± 6 **Kg7!** 1:18

[45...Kf5? 3.03/25 45...Kg7 0.44 46.Nxh6+ Kxf4 47.Ng8±]

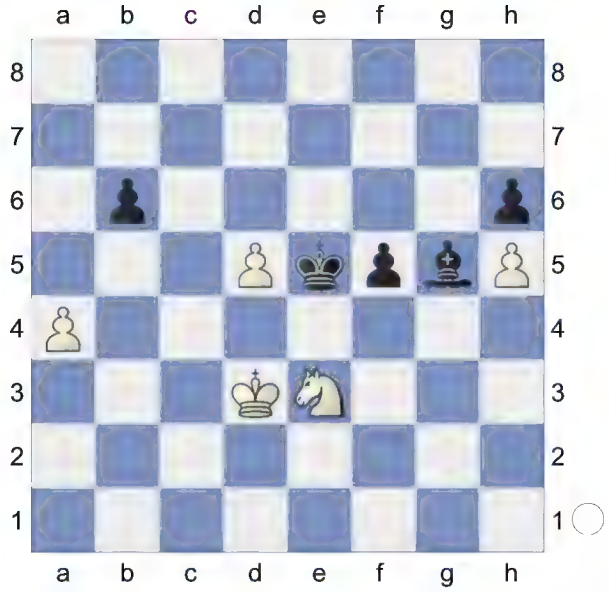


46.f5! 53 **exf5** 1:44 **47.Ne3** 5 The position is equal. **47...Kf7** 8 **48.Nxd5** 7:05 **Bd8** 2 **49.Ke2** 2:40

[49.Kc4!?]
49...Ke6 30 **50.Ne3** 1:23 **Bf6** 1:28



51.Kd3 2:10 **Bg5** 20 **52.d5+** 2:01
[52.Nc4!? Bd8□ 53.Kc3=]
52...Ke5 28



And now ...Bxe3 would win. **53.Nc4+** 26
Kxd5 3 White must now prevent ...Bd8.
54.Nxb6+ 7 **Kc5** 28 **55.a5** 1:34 **Kb5** 30

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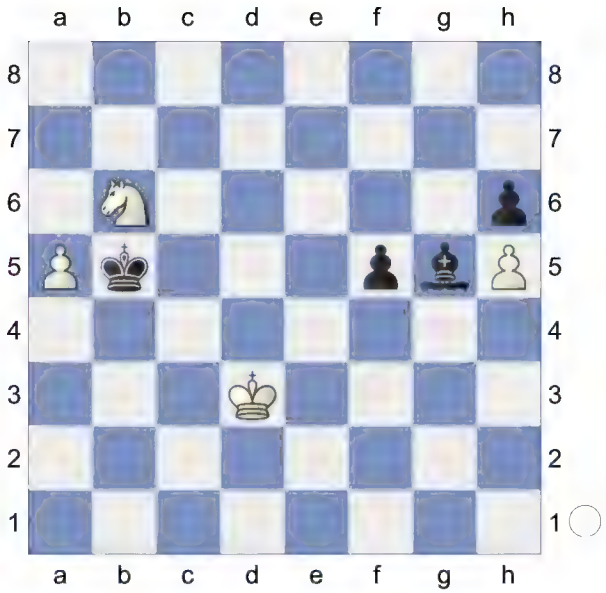

56.Nc4! 4 **Bf6** 24 **57.Nd6+** 30 **Kxa5** 5
58.Nf7! 11 **Kb6** 1:15 **59.Ke3** 8 **Kc6** 45
60.Kf4 4
[60.Nxh6? -#17/28 60.Kf4 0.01 is the wrong capture. Bg5+ 61.Kf3 Bxh6-+]
[60.Nxh6 gets mated. Bg5+ 61.Kd4 Bxh6 62.Ke5 f4 63.Ke4 Kc5 64.Kf3 Kd5 65.Kf2 Ke4 66.Ke2 f3+ 67.Kf2 Kf4 68.Kf1 Ke3 69.Ke1 Bf4 70.Kf1 f2 71.h6 Bxh6 72.Kg2 Ke2 73.Kh3 f1Q+ *(73...f1R* is a self mate. *74.Kg4 Be3 75.Kg3 Rg1+ 76.Kh3 Kf3 77.Kh2 Rg8 78.Kh3 Rh8#)* 74.Kg3 Qf3+ 75.Kh4 Qg2 76.Kh5 Qg5#]
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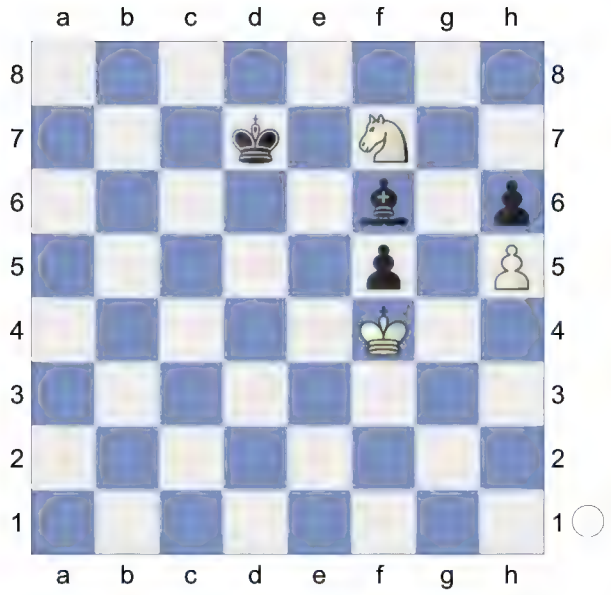
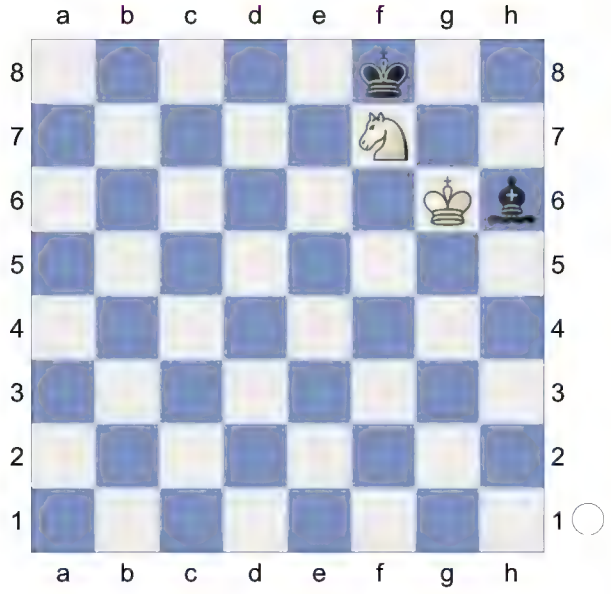


61.Kxf5 5 **Ke7** 33 **62.Kg6** 8 **Bc3** 15
63.Nxh6 5 **Kf8** 8 **64.Nf7** 11 **Bd2** 10
65.h6 7 **Bxh6** 5



66.Nxh6 2

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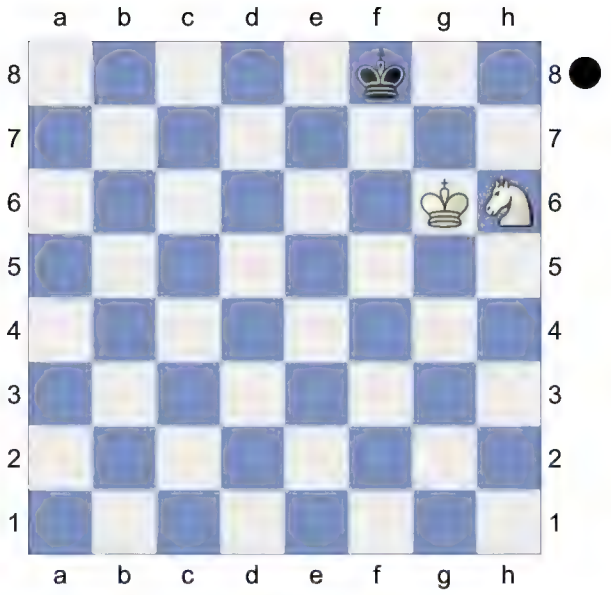

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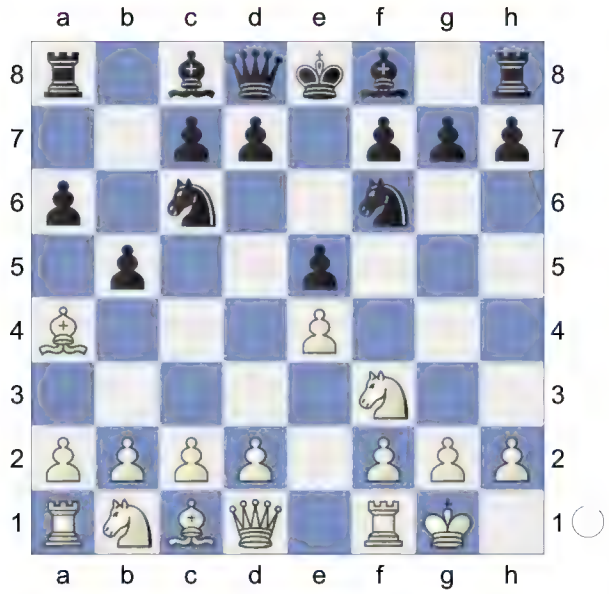
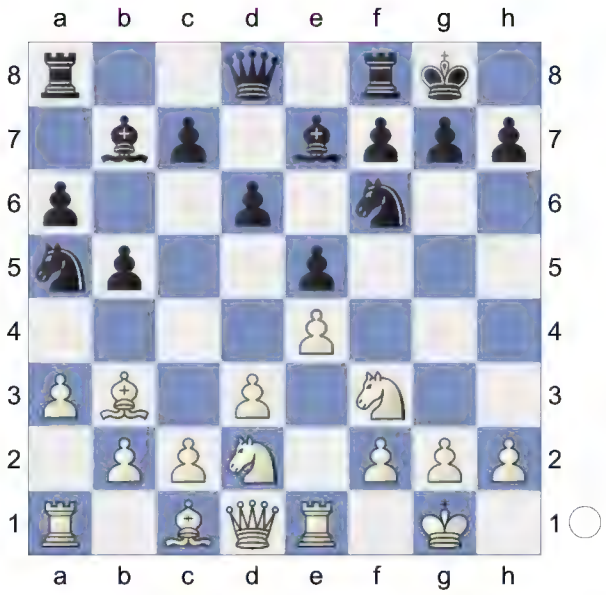
½-½

37 **C88**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
■ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (8.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems **1.e4** 3 **e5** 21 **2.Nf3** 5 **Nc6** 5 **3.Bb5** 3 **a6** 8 **4.Ba4** 5 **Nf6** 7 **5.0-0** 5 **b5** 5

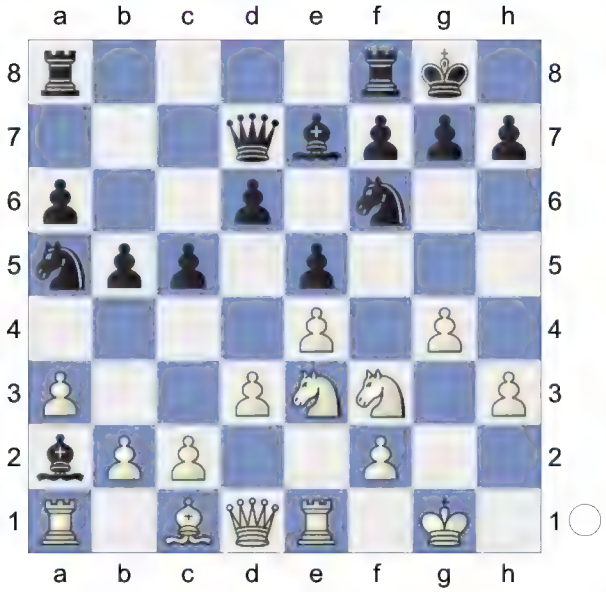


6.Bb3 5 **Bb7** 3 **7.Re1** 1:21
[7.c3 Nxe4 8.d4 exd4 9.Re1 d5 10.Ng5 Qf6 11.f3 Bc5 12.Kh1 h6 13.Nxe4 Qf5 14.Nd6+ 1-0 Richter,W (2384)-Mrkvicka,J (2476) corr CiF-28.Superturnier www.remoteschach.de 2017]
7...Be7N 1:05
[7...Bc5 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 *(11...0-0 12.a4 exd4 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.cxd4 Re8 16.Nc3 Na5 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Bc2 b4 19.Na4 Ba7 20.Qd3 Nc6 21.e5 dxe5 22.dxe5 Qg6 23.Qxg6 fxg6 24.Bxg6 Re6 25.Be4 Nxe5 26.Nxe5* ½-½ Zlebcik,L-Sykora,J CZE-ch1 corr8284 Czechoslovakia 1982*)* 12.Bg3 0-0 13.Qd3 *(13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Qf3 Qe7 16.Qf5 Kg7 17.Bxe5 Rad8 18.Re2 Rfe8 19.Bxf6+ Qxf6 20.Qxf6+ Kxf6 21.Nd2 a5 22.Rae1 a4 23.Bc2 Ba6 24.h3 Re7 25.b4 c5 26.Nf1 cxb4 27.cxb4 Bc8* ½-½ Franzen,J (2562)-Timmerman,G (2710) corr FIN jub30 GM-1 1991 *)* 13...Nh5 14.Nbd2 Qf6 15.Bd5 Rae8 16.a4 Nxg3 17.hxg3 exd4 18.axb5 axb5 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nxd4 Bd7 21.N2f3 b4 22.Nf5 0-1 Dolmatov,S-Eingorn,V USSR (ch) 41/177 1986]
8.d3 6:18 **0-0** 2:11 **9.Nbd2** 52 **d6** 1:13 **10.a3** 20 **Na5** 4:55



is the legacy move (10...Qd7). C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems. **11.Ba2** 9 **c5** 16 **12.Nf1** 24 **Bc8** 11:52 **13.Ne3** 5:57 **Be6** 2:23 **14.h3** 2 **Qd7** 8:57 **15.g4N** -0.21/18 4:18
[15.Bd2 Bd8 16.Ng5 Rc8 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Rf1 Bb6 19.a4 Nb7 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qe2 1-0 Boettcher,F (2108)-Blom,E (2375) IECG CP.2003.S.00006 email 2006]
[⌓15.Bd5 0.15/18]

15...Bxa2= 8:00

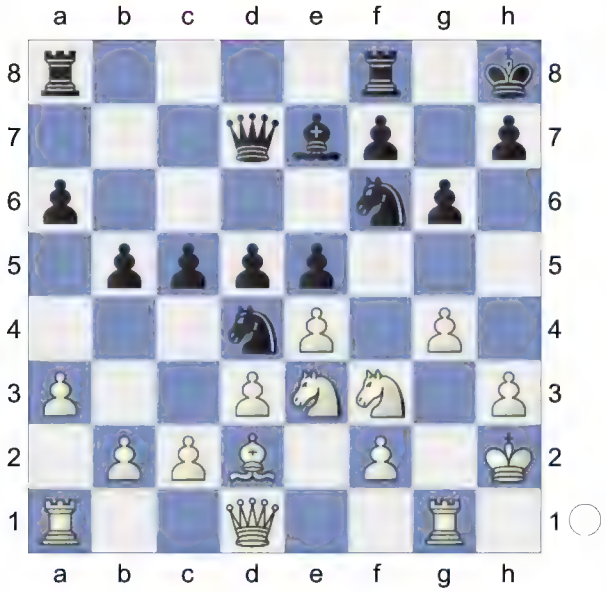


16.Rxa2 9 **g6** 31 **17.Kh2** 1:48 **Nc6** 2:40 **18.Rg1** 6 **Kh8** 5:12 **19.Ra1** 27 **Nd4** 6:43 **20.Bd2** -0.47/16 5:33

[20.g5= Nxd4 would now be deadly. Nh5 21.Nxd4]

[20.g5= -0.03/17 might be stronger. Nh5 21.Nxd4 cxd4 22.Nd5]

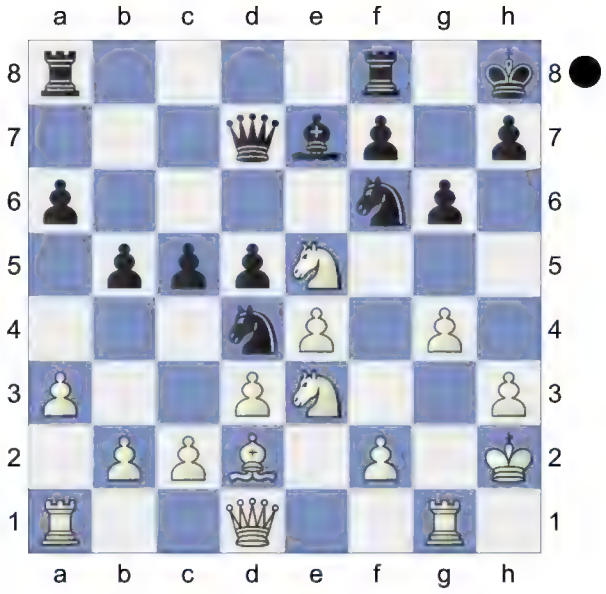
20...d5∓ 7:07



21.Nxe5 -1.13/21 9

[White should try 21.Nxd5∓ Nxd5 22.exd5]

[21.exd5∓ -0.63/17 Nxd5 *(21...Qd6 22.Kh1±)* 22.b4]

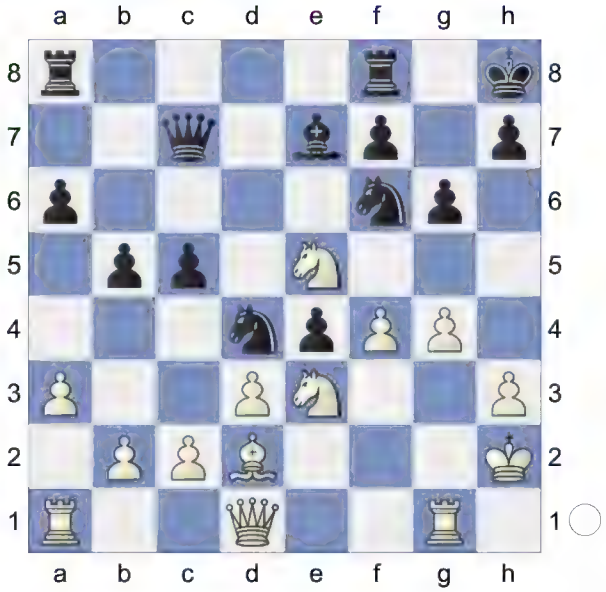


21...Qc7? 0.03/21 1:14

[21...Qe6!∓ 22.f4 Threatens to win with c3. dxe4]

[21...Qe6∓ -1.13/21 22.f4 dxe4]

22.f4= 1:13 aiming for g5. The position is equal. **22...dxe4** 52



And now ...Bd6 would win. **23.g5!** 1:19 **Nd7** 9:40

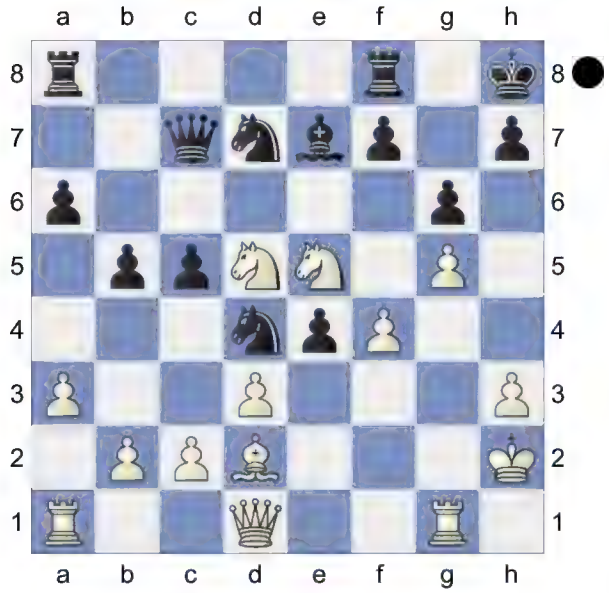
[23...Nh5!? 24.Nd5□ *(24.dxe4? too greedy. Nxf4 25.N3g4 Bxg5-+)* 24...Qb7 25.Nxe7 *(25.dxe4 Bd6=)*

25...Qxe7=]

24.Nd5 -0.43/21 7:03

[24.Nxd7!? Qxd7 *(24...Nf3+* 0.58/20 24...Qxd7 -0.28 *25.Kg3!∓)* 25.dxe4±]

[24.Nxd7!= -0.01/22 feels stronger. Qxd7 *(24...Nf3+ 25.Kg3∓)* 25.dxe4]



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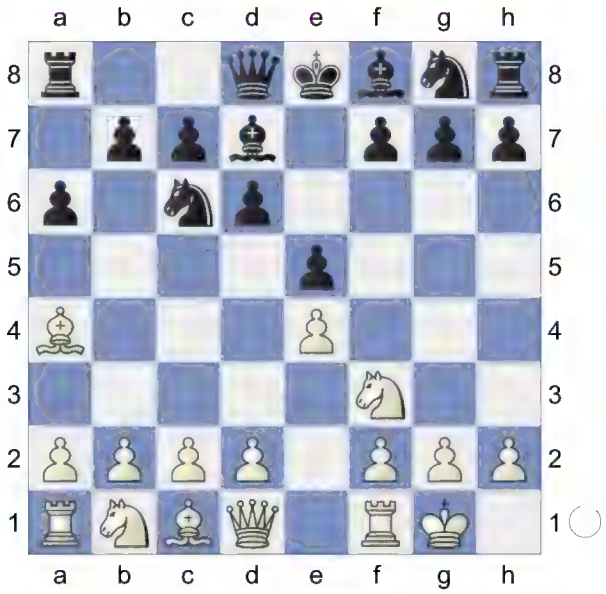
½-½

38 **C72**
□ **Moussard,Jules** **2595**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (8.3)
[kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C72: Ruy Lopez: Deferred Steinitz: 5 0-0 Sturua,Zurab: 'Sturua,Z: 'Inf 66/285"
1.e4 1:37 **e5** 8 **2.Nf3** 5 **Nc6** 4 **3.Bb5** 6 **a6** 7 **4.Ba4** 3 **d6** 7 **5.0-0** 32 **Bd7** 7



6.c4 1:12 **Nf6** 8:18 **7.Nc3** 31 **Be7** 8 **8.d3** 1:47
[8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Re1 0-0 10.d4 Re8 11.h3 h6 12.b3 b6 13.Bb2 Nd7 14.Qc2 Bb7 15.Rad1 Bf8 16.Re2 Rc8 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Nd5 Re8 20.Rd3 c6 21.Nf4 Qh4 22.Qd2 c5 1-0 Sturua,Z (2540)-Malaniuk,V (2585) Yerevan (open) 66/285 1996]
8...0-0 6:39 **9.h3** 33 **Re8** 6:50
White has an edge. **10.Be3** 24 **Bf8N** 10
[10...h6 11.a3 Bf8 12.Qd2 Na5 13.Bd1 c5 14.b4 Nc6 15.Rb1 Rb8 16.Nh2 Nd4 17.Ng4 b5 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.cxb5 axb5 20.f4 exf4 21.Nd5 Qd8 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.Nxf4

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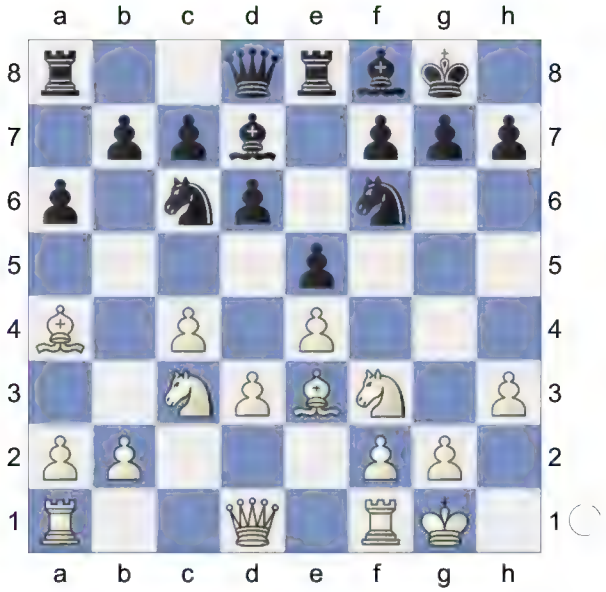
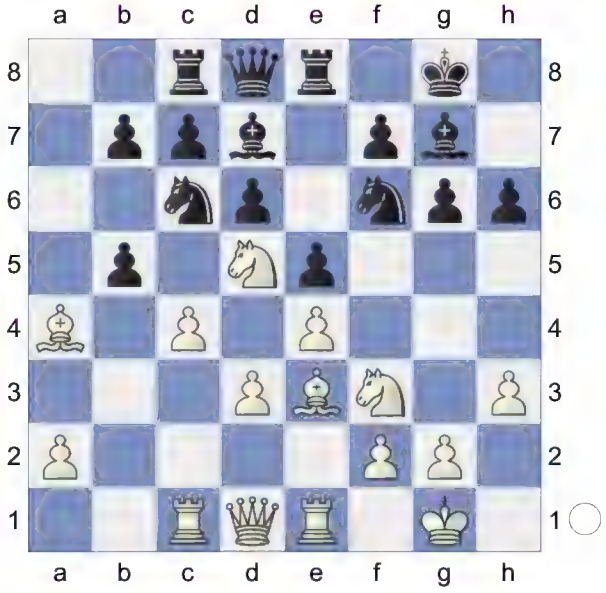
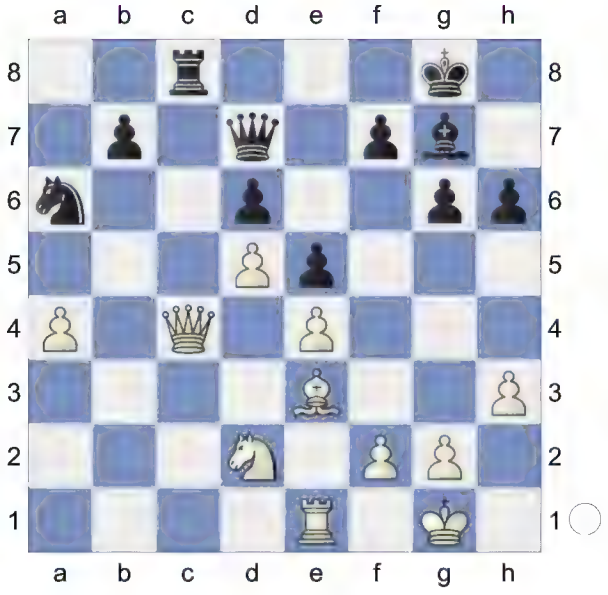


11.Re1 22 **g6** 2:33 **12.Nd5** 1:08 **h6** 12:08 **13.Rc1** 56 **Bg7** 1:17 **14.b4** 2:04 **Rc8** 17:56 **15.b5** 5:40 **axb5** 14:27



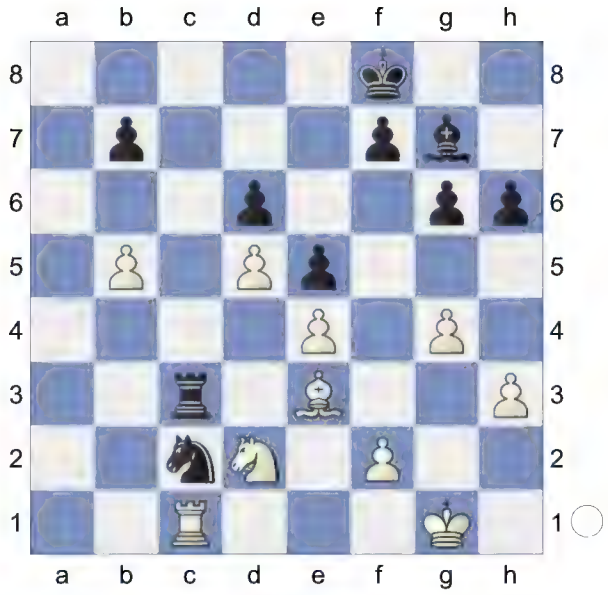
16.cxb5 18 **Nb8** 1.01/20 11
[16...Nd4!± 0.31/20]
17.Nxf6+± 5:11 **Qxf6** 2 **18.d4↑** 1:35
Black is under strong pressure. **18...c6** 8:32 **19.bxc6** 51 **Bxc6** 1.35/20 2:55
[⌓19...bxc6 0.91/22 20.dxe5 dxe5]
20.d5 26 **Bxa4** 1:43

21.Qxa4 4 **Na6** 1:37 Prevents Rc7
22.Nd2 2:11 **Qe7** 1:57 **23.Rc4** 10:27
White has more active pieces. **23...Rxc4** 3:30 **24.Qxc4** 4 **Qd7** 59 **25.a4** 1:01 **Rc8** 3:21

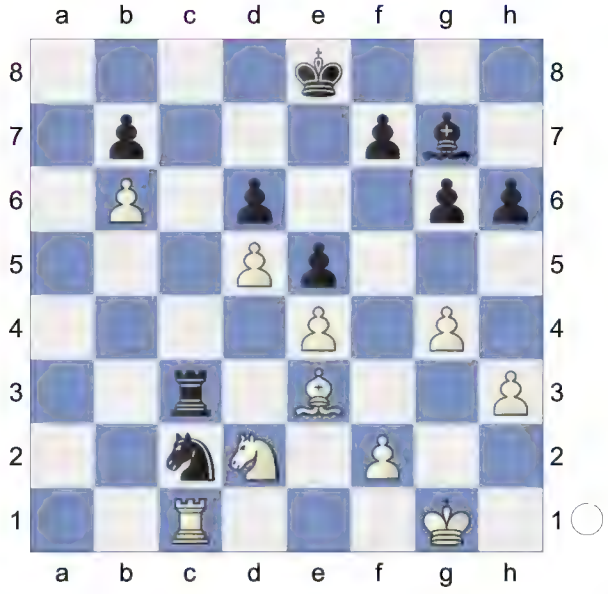


26.Qb5 51 **Qxb5** 3:09 **27.axb5** 4 **Nb4** 4
28.Rb1 3:48 **Nc2** 55 **29.Rc1** 8 **Rc3** 10
Prevents Nb3. **30.g4** 0.28/23 1:58
[30.b6± 0.70/21]
30...Kf8 1.07/23 1:48
[30...Kh7= 0.28/23]

(Diagram)



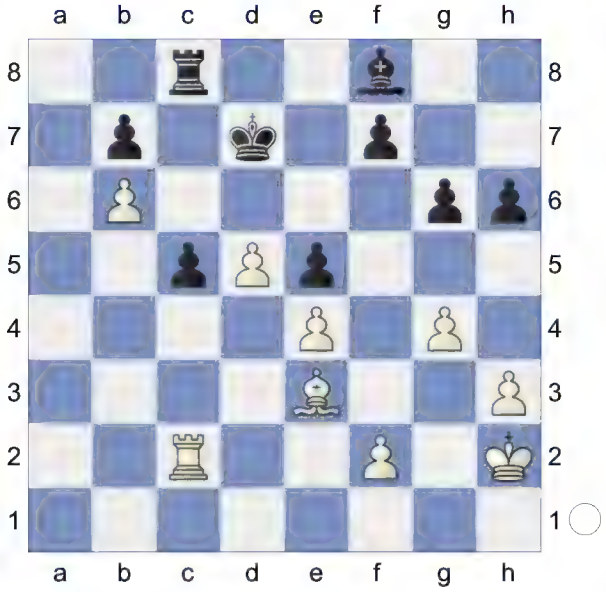
31.b6 31 And now Nb3! would win.
31...Ke8 33



32.Nb3! 57 Deflection **32...Kd7** 40
33.Kh2 22:32 aiming for Na1.
[33.Na5 Kc8 34.h4 Kb8]
33...Rc8 5

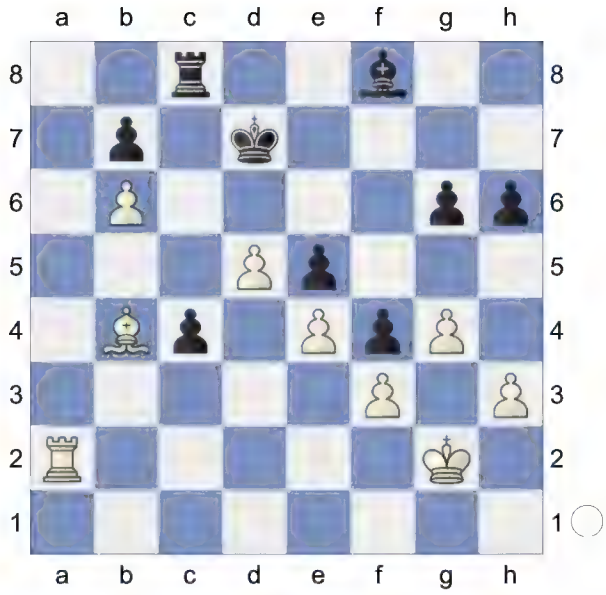
(Diagram)

34.Nc5+ 0.43/20 24 **dxc5±** 5 **35.Rxc2** 2
Endgame. KRB-KRB **35...Bf8** 1:54

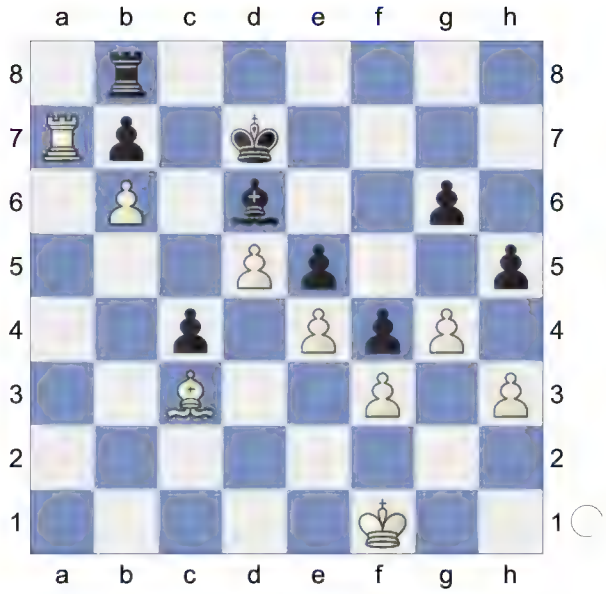


36.Ra2 13:23 **Kd6** 11 **37.Kg2** 2:46 **f5**
1.07/21 1:51 **38.f3** 0.01/21 2:12
[38.exf5?! gxf5 39.gxf5 Kxd5=]
[38.Kf3± 1.07/21]
38...f4 0.55/25 5
[38...Be7= 0.01/21]
39.Bd2 38 **c4?** 1.56/21 2:04
[Black should play 39...Be7= 0.01/23]
40.Bb4+± 46 **Kd7** 1

(Diagram)



41.Bc3 4 **Bd6** 56 **42.Ra7** 29 **Rb8** 25
43.Kf1 15 **h5** 2.90/25 9
[43...Ke7± 1.45/24 44.Ke2 Kf6]



44.g5!+- 30 **Ke7** 9 **45.Ke2** 14 **Kd7** 5

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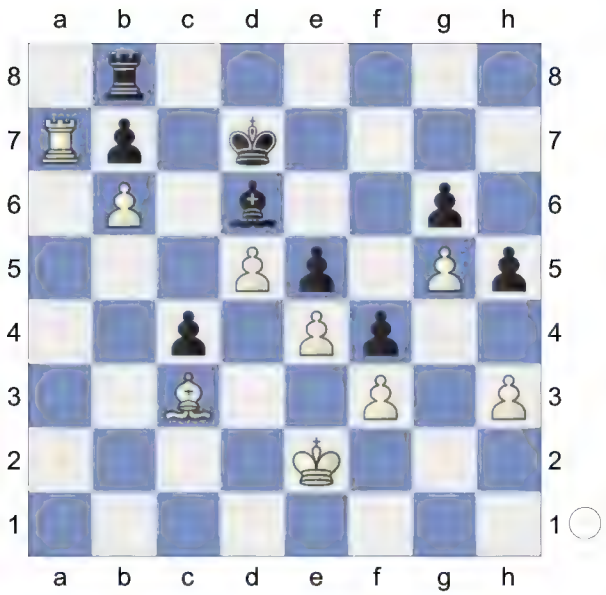
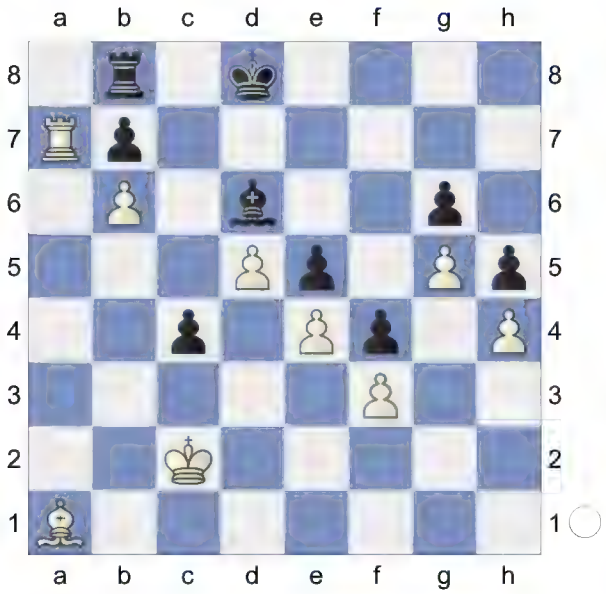
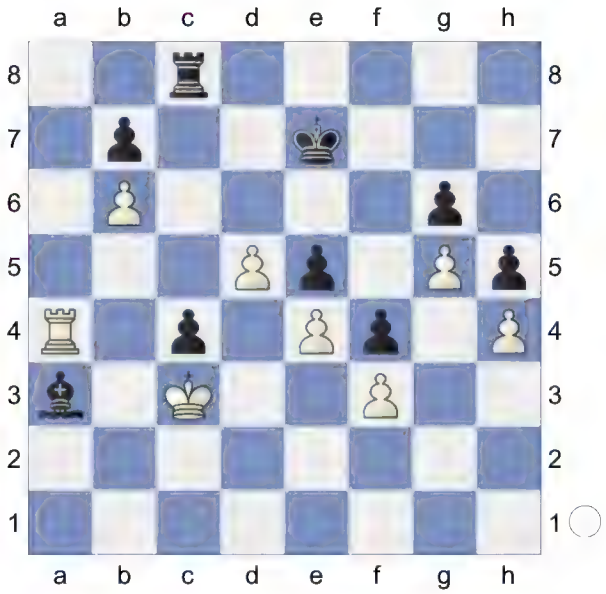


46.Kd1 6 **Ke7** 5 **47.h4** 21 **Kd7** 12
48.Kc2 1:06 **Ke7** 2.44/31 7
[⌓48...Ke8 1.99/26 49.Bb2 Kd7]
49.Bb2 4:52 **Kd7** 6 **50.Ba1** 41 **Kd8** 3.21/28 59
[⌓50...Ke7 1.78/30 51.Ra4 *(51.Kc3 Bc5±)* 51...Rc8]

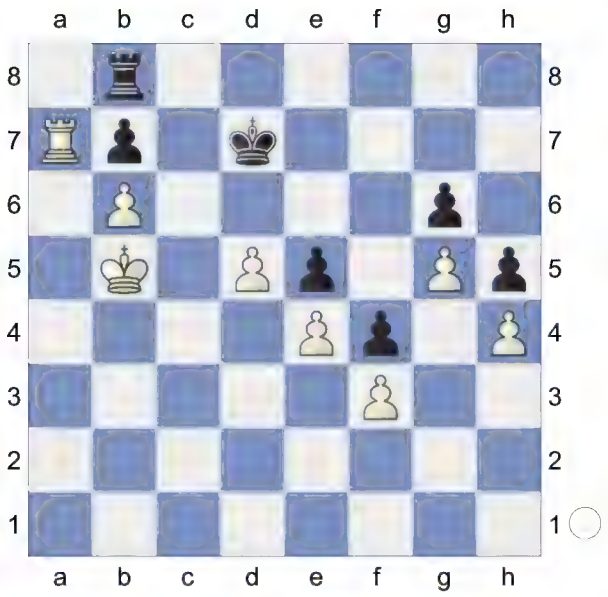


51.Bc3? 0.01/27 7:04
[51.Kc3 Bc5 52.Kxc4 Bxb6+-]
[51.Ra5+- 3.21/28]
51...Kd7? 2.12/28 5
[51...Ke7!= 0.01/27 and Black is okay. 52.Ra5 Kf7]
52.Bb2 3.36/31 40
[⌓52.Ra4 2.12/28]
52...Ke7 31 **53.Ra4** 1:53
[53.Kc3 Bc5 54.Ba3 *(54.Kxc4 Bxb6 55.Ra1 Kd6±)* 54...Kd6 55.Kxc4 Bxa3 56.Rxa3 Rc8+ 57.Kb4 Rb8]
53...Rc8 34 **54.Kc3** 51 **Bc5** 1:35
55.Ba3 4
[55.Rxc4? Bd4+ 56.Kd2 Rxc4-+]
[55.Kxc4 Bf2+ 56.Kd3 Kd6±]
55...Bxa3 4



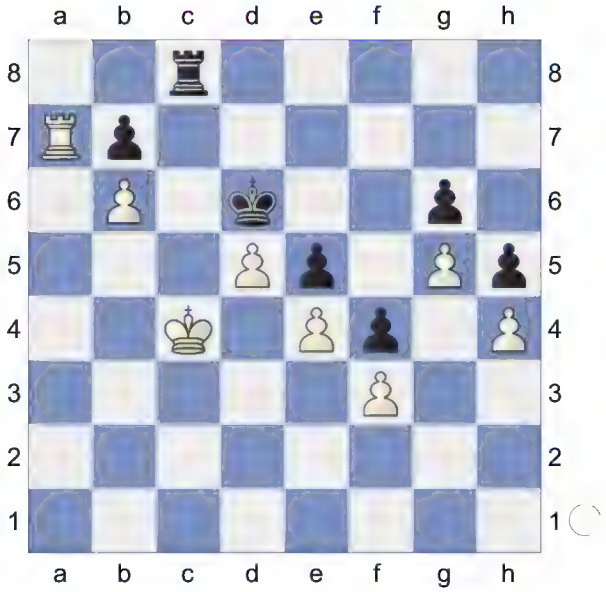
56.Rxa3 1 KR-KR **56...Kd6** 20 **57.Ra7** 1:22 **Rb8** 6 **58.Kxc4** 7 **Rc8+** 1.90/30 27
[58...Kd7± 0.86/32 was called for. 59.Kb5 Kd6]
59.Kb4 1.48/26 10
[59.Kb3+- 1.90/30 Rb8 60.Kb4]
59...Rb8± 6 **60.Kb5** 11 **Kd7** 5

(Diagram)

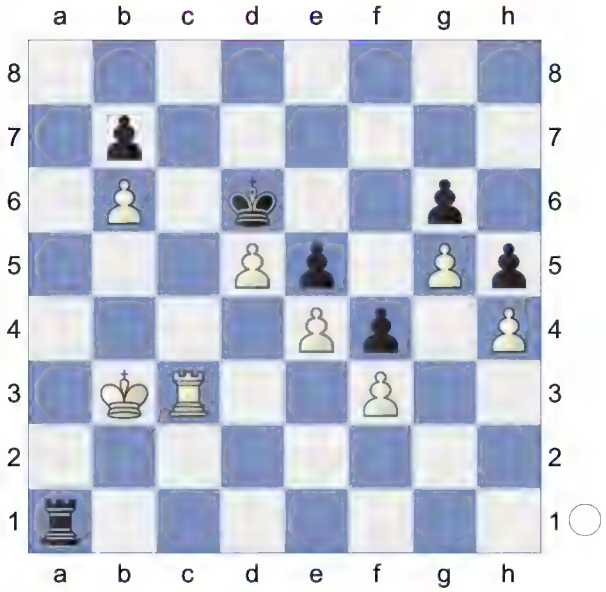


61.Ra4 1.86/28 13
[61.Kc5 Rc8+ 62.Kb4 *(62.Kb5 Rb8+-)* 62...Rb8+-]
[61.Ra1± 1.20/32 Rc1 would now be deadly. Kd6 62.Ra7]
61...Kd6+- 5 **62.Rc4?** 0.01/27 8
[62.Ra7 Kd7 63.Kc5 Rc8+ 64.Kb4 *(64.Kb5 Rb8±)* 64...Rb8+-]
[62.Ra1± 1.52/33]
62...Ra8= 5 **63.Ra4** 3:34
[63.Rc7!? Ra5+□ 64.Kb4 Ra4+ 65.Kc3 *(65.Kb5 Rb4+ 66.Ka5 Ra4+ 67.Kb5 Rb4+ 68.Ka5 Ra4+ 69.Kb5=)* 65...Ra3+ 66.Kd2 Rd3+ 67.Kc2 Rd2+ 68.Kb3 Rb2+ 69.Kc3 Rc2+ 70.Kd3 Rd2+ *(70...Rxc7 71.bxc7 Kxc7 72.Kc4+-)* 71.Kc4 *(71.Kc3 Rc2+ 72.Kb3 Rb2+ 73.Kc3 Rc2+=)* 71...Rc2+ 72.Kb4 Rb2+ 73.Kc4 Rc2+ 74.Kd3 Rd2+ *(74...Rxc7? 75.bxc7 Kxc7 76.Kc4+-)* 75.Kc4 *(75.Kc3 Rc2+ 76.Kd3=)* 75...Rc2+=]
63...Rc8 1.28/30 14
[63...Rxa4 64.Kxa4 Kc5 65.Ka5 Kd6 66.Kb5 Ke7 67.Kc5 Kd7 68.d6]
[63...Rb8!= -0.01/27 remains equal.]

64.Ra7± 6 **Rb8** 4 **65.Kc4?** -0.01/26 2:17
[65.Kb4+- 2.30/27]
65...Rc8+= 23

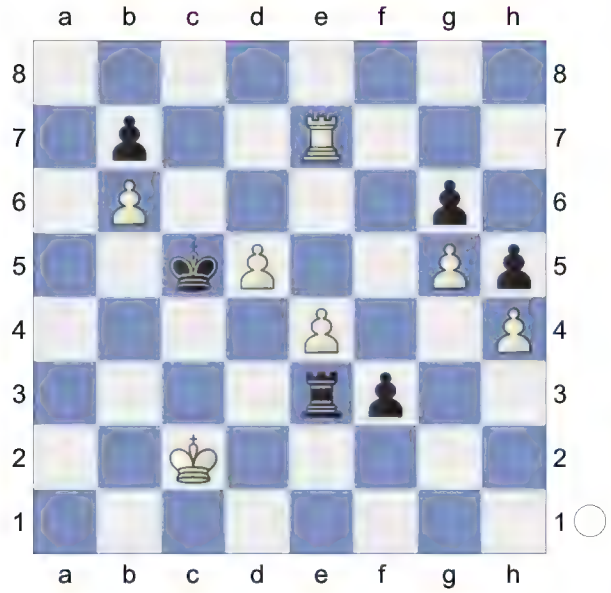


66.Kb3! 1:57 **Rb8** 15 **67.Kb4** 7 **Kd7** 29
68.Ra3 2:29 Black must now prevent Rc3. **68...Kd6** 5 **69.Rc3** 18 **Ra8** 6
70.Kb3 0.63/23 20
[70.Rc1± 1.05/27]
70...Ra1!± 1:38

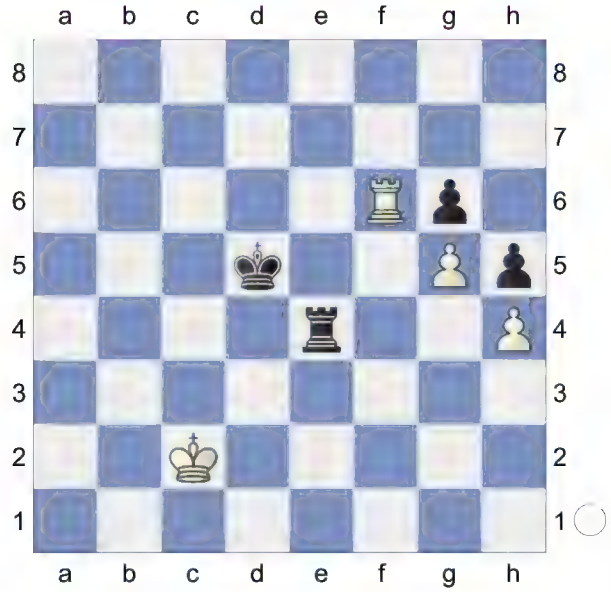


71.Rc8 21 **Rf1** 1:11 **72.Re8** 0.01/23 1:07
[72.Kb4± 0.82/22 Rd8+ is the strong threat. Rb1+ 73.Ka3 *(73.Ka5*

Rb3=)]
72...Kc5= 1:45 The position is equal.
73.Rxe5 5 Hoping for Re7. **73...Rxf3+** 6
74.Kc2 2 Threatens to win with Re7.
74...Re3! 44 **75.Re7** 2:58 **f3** 37



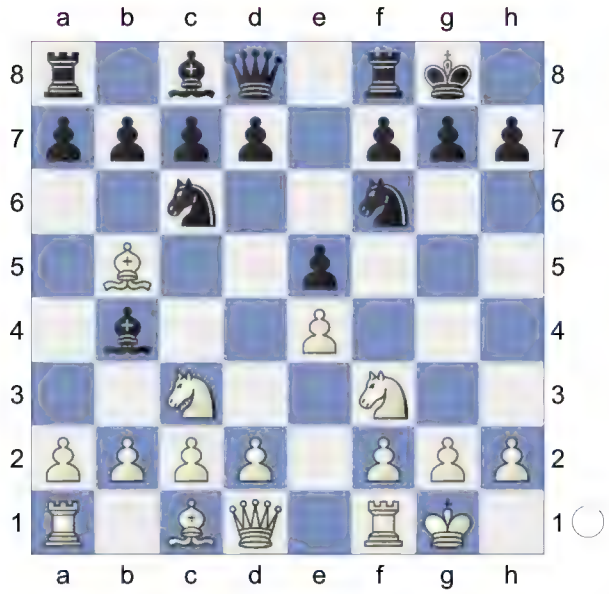
76.Rxb7 37 **Rxe4** 6 **77.Rf7** 27
Repels Rf4 **77...Kxb6** 1:16 **78.Rxf3** 3
Kc5 20 **79.Rf6** 6 **Kxd5** 6



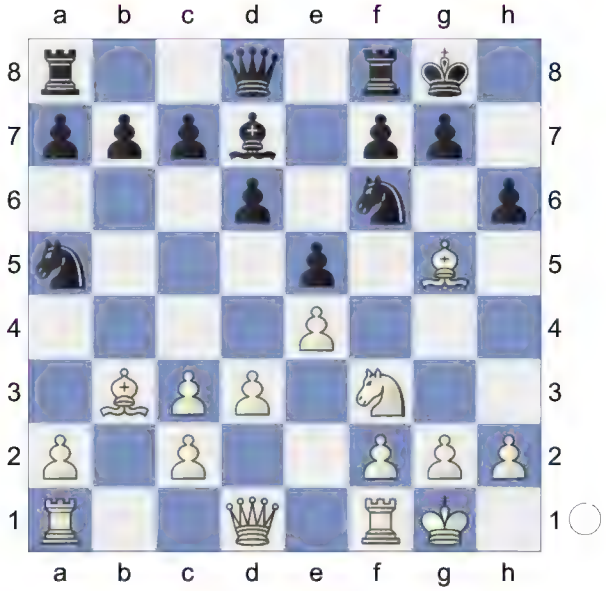
Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) / Black=0.30
½-½

39 **C49**
□ **Maurizzi,Marc`Andria** **2581**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (8.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C49: Four Knights: 4 Bb5 Bb4 **1.e4** 35 **e5** 45 **2.Nf3** 28 **Nc6** 8 **3.Nc3** 7 **Nf6** 1:46 **4.Bb5** 27 **Bb4** 2:31 **5.0-0** 46 **0-0** 13

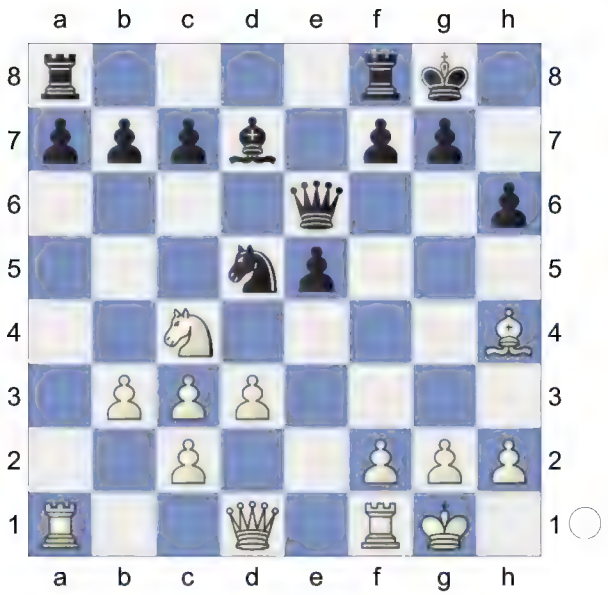


6.d3 3 **d6** 1:52 **7.Bg5** 41 **Bxc3** 6:38 **8.bxc3** 20 **Bd7** 10 **9.Bc4N** 8:08
[9.h3 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Kh1 Qe7 12.Nh2 f5 13.exf5 Rxf5 14.Bc4+ Be6 15.Bxe6+ Qxe6 16.Ng4 Rf4 17.Ne3 Raf8 18.f3 Ne7 19.Qb1 b6 20.Qb3 Qf7 21.a4 a5 22.Qb5 g5 23.Qd7 Nf5 0-1 Hallmann,H-Skipworth,A 58/48 Israel 1993]
[9.Rb1 a6 *(9...h6 10.Bh4 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Nd2 b5 14.Nf1 d5 15.f3 Re6 16.Ne3 Qd7 17.Nf5 Rae8* Four Knights-3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗b5 ♗b4 Survey 2008 *)* 10.Bc4 Na5 11.Bd5 c6 12.Bb3 h6 13.Bh4 Qe7 14.h3 c5 15.Bd5 Rab8 16.d4 b5 17.Re1 Rfe8 18.dxc5 dxc5 19.c4 Bc6 20.Nh2 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Qd6 22.Nf1 Nc4 23.Ng3 g6 1-0 Boger,R (2642)-Toth,B (2628) corr ICCF Olympiad 17 Final 2009]
[9.Qe2 h6 10.Bh4 a6 11.Ba4 Ne7 12.Bb3 Ng6 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.d4 Qf6 15.Nxe5 Nhf4 16.Qd2 dxe5 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Qxd7 Qxe4 19.f3 Qe3+ 20.Kh1 Qxc3 21.Rad1 b5 22.Be1 Qe5 23.g3 Ne6 0-1 Orchard,C (2223)-Csom Nemethne,E (2403) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (7)]
[9.Re1 a6 10.Bc4 Na5 11.Bb3 Nxb3 12.axb3 h6 13.Bh4 Qe7 14.d4 Bc6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Re3 g5 17.Bg3 Qf8 18.Qe2 Qg7 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.Ra5 Bb5 21.c4 b6 22.Ra1 Bc6 23.b4 Qg6 1-0 Hansen,S (2460)-Stefansson,H (2530) Reykjavik zt 1995 (1)]
9...Na5 2:49 **10.Bb3** 1:28 **h6** 11

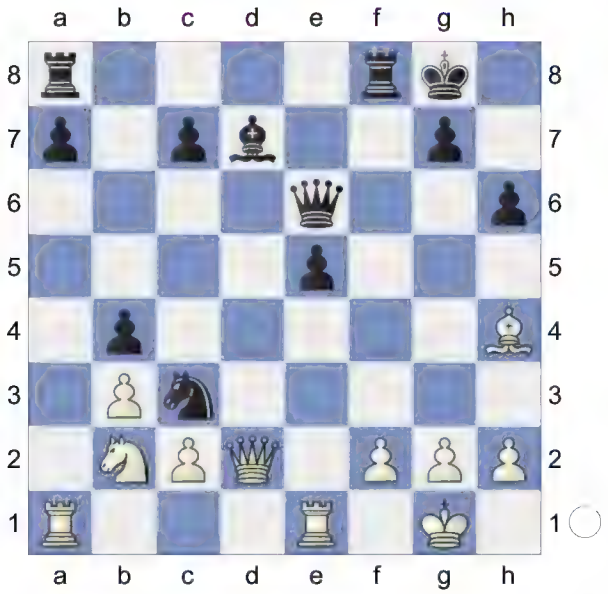


11.Bh4 16 The position is equal.
11...Qe7 2:48 **12.Nd2** 24 **Nxb3** 1:51 **13.axb3** 23 **Qe6** 1:17 **14.Nc4** 2:00 **d5** 5:14 **15.exd5** 1:40 **Nxd5** 14

(Diagram)



16.Re1 1:52 **f6** 9 **17.d4** 4:47 **b5** 5:58 **18.Nb2** 5:28
[18.dxe5!? bxc4 19.exf6=]
18...Nxc3 10:03 **19.Qd2** 1:10 **b4** 0.61/19 5:18
[19...Qg4= -0.01/20 20.Qxc3 Qxh4 21.dxe5 fxe5]
20.dxe5± 1:51 **fxe5** 3:56



21.Nd3 1:08 **Qd5** 50 Prevents Nc5. ... Bc6 is the strong threat. **22.Rxe5** 7:48 **Qd4** 2:06

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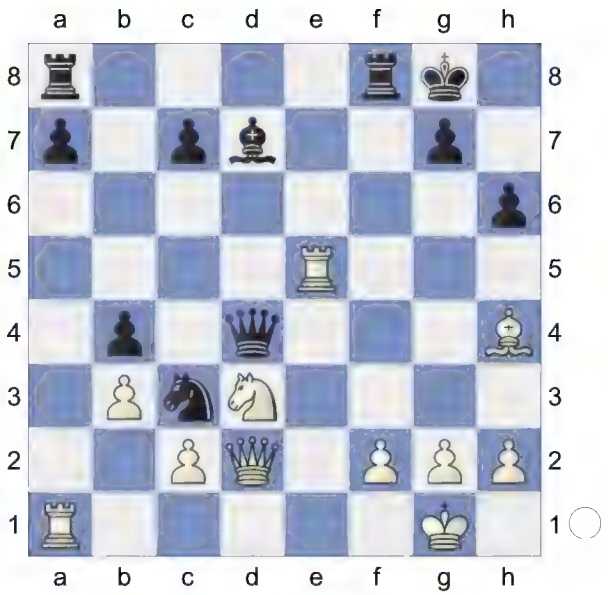
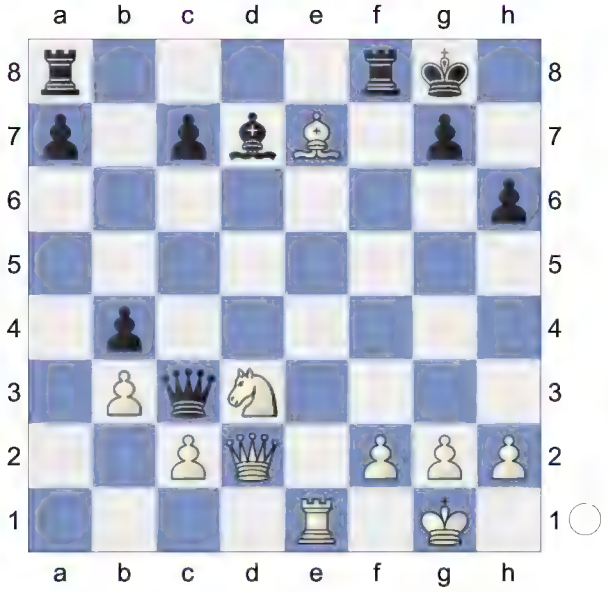


23.Be7 3 **Ne2+** 22:16 Discovered Attack
24.Rxe2 19 **Qxa1+** 2 **25.Re1** 9 **Qc3** 7



26.Qxc3 5
[26.Bxb4? Qxd2 27.Bxd2 Bf5∓]
26...bxc3 3 **27.Bxf8** 4 **Kxf8** 1.17/21 8 Endgame.
[27...Rxf8± 0.69/23 might be stronger. 28.Re3 Re8]

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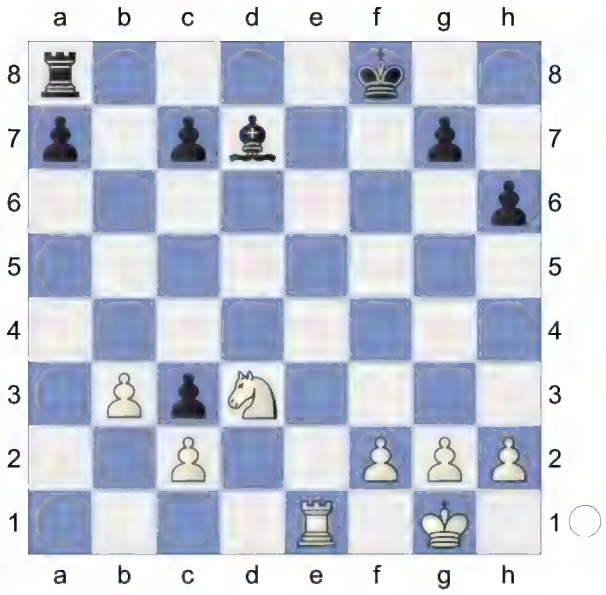
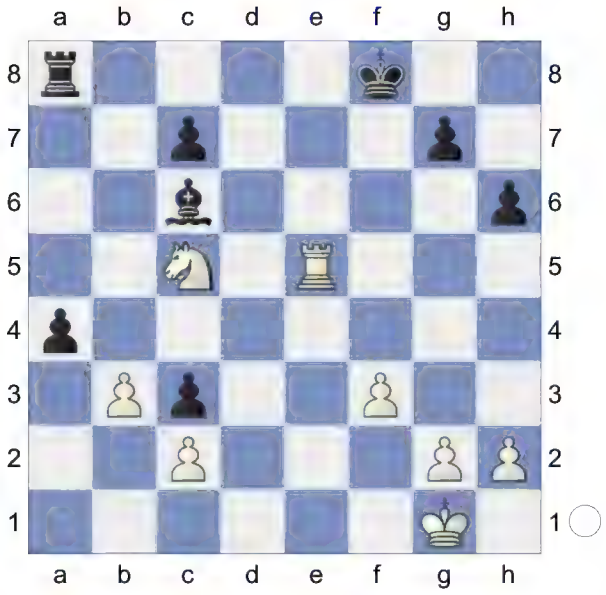


KRB-KRN. White leaves nothing to chance now. **28.Re5!±** 4:55 **a5** 1:18 **29.Nc5** 4:35 **Bc6** 2:44 **30.f3** 1:03 **a4** 1.97/25 3:52

[30...Re8± 0.83/22 31.Rxe8+ Kxe8]

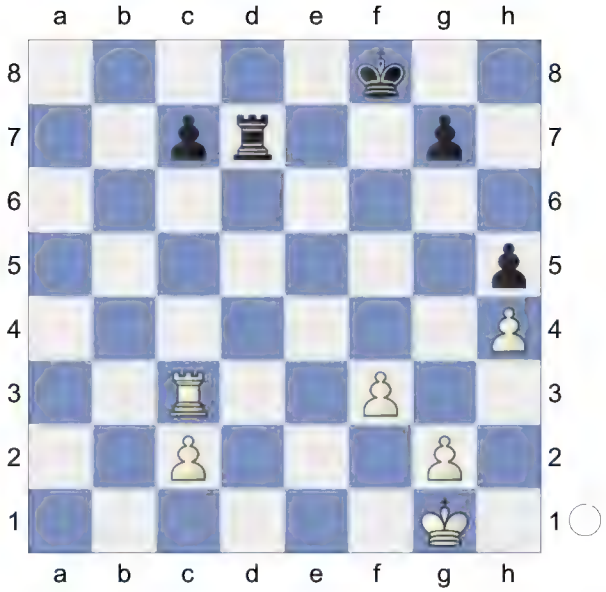


31.bxa4+- 2:02 **Bxa4** 1:56 **32.Nxa4** 13 **Rxa4** 1 KR-KR **33.Rc5** 6 **Rd4** 7:20 **34.Rxc3** 22

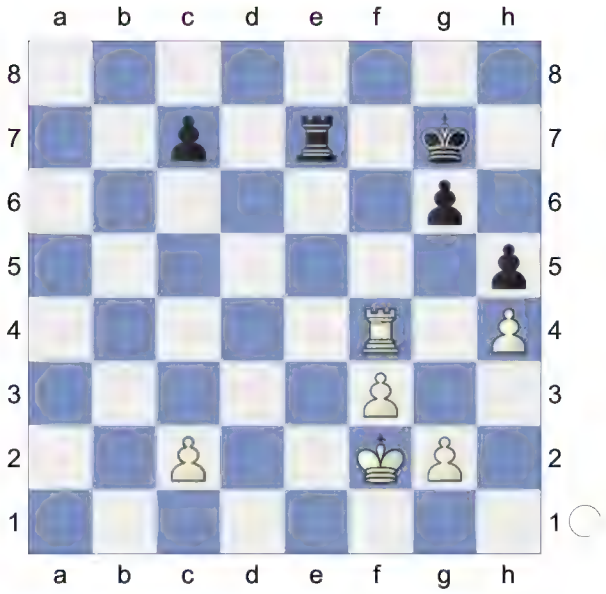
[34.Rxc7 Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Rd2+ 36.Ke3 Rxg2=]

34...Rd7 5 **35.h4** 1:17 **h5** 2.45/24 4:36

[⌓35...Rd4 1.84/22 36.Rxc7 Rxh4]



36.Rc5 1:06 **g6** 2 **37.Kf2** 11 **Kg7** 31 **38.Rc6** 48 **Re7** 8 **39.Rc4** 57 **Kf6** 1:21 **40.Rf4+** 48 **Kg7** 1



41.Re4 9 Dodges Re5 **41...Rd7** 2 **42.Ke3** 26 Prevents Rd2 **42...Kf6** 6 **43.Rc4** 17 **Re7+** 3.03/24 1:04

[⌓43...Ke5 1.74/23 44.Rc5+ Kd6]

44.Kf4 16 **Kg7** 22 **45.Rc5** 2:41 **Kh6** 12

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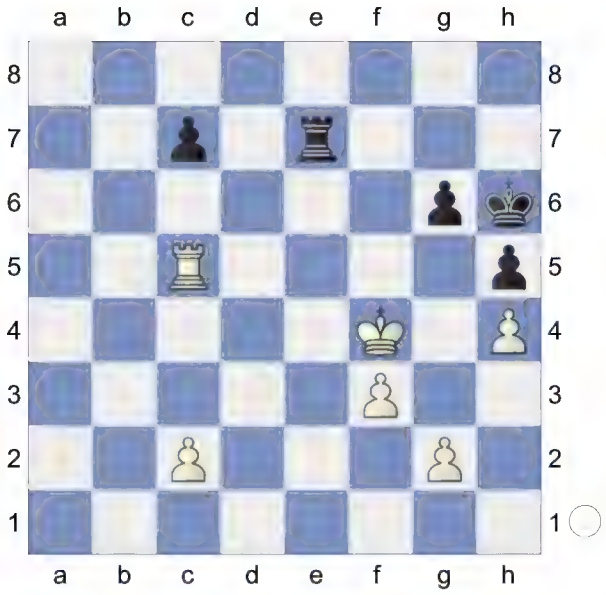
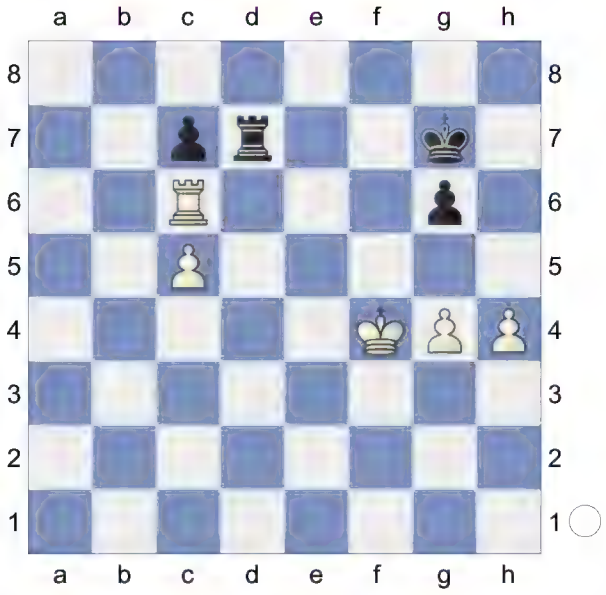


46.c4 1:05 **Re2** 32 **47.g4** 58
[Weaker is 47.Rxc7 Rxg2 48.c5 Rc2±]
47...hxg4 14 **48.fxg4** 7 **Re7** 1:42
White is clearly winning. **49.Rc6** 1:59
Kg7 19 **50.c5** 1:36 **Rd7** 3:01



51.Ke5 50 **Rf7** 1:26 **52.Kd5** 55 **Rd7+** 1:55 **53.Kc4** 16 **Kf7** 27 **54.g5** 46 **Re7** 1:50 **55.Kb5** 11 **Rd7** 52

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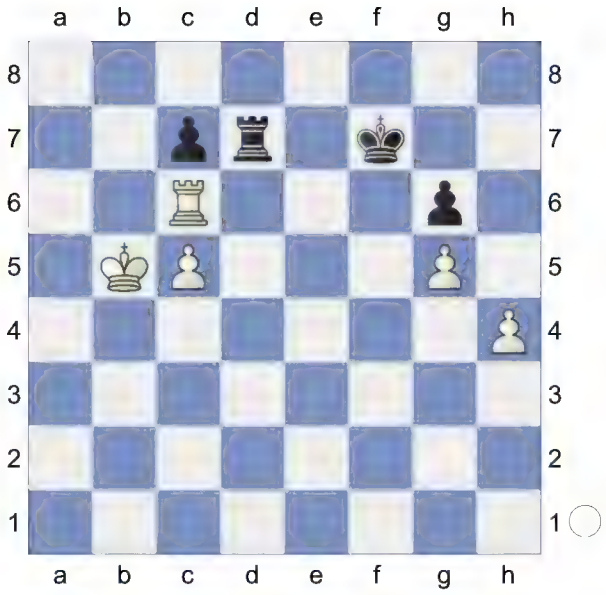
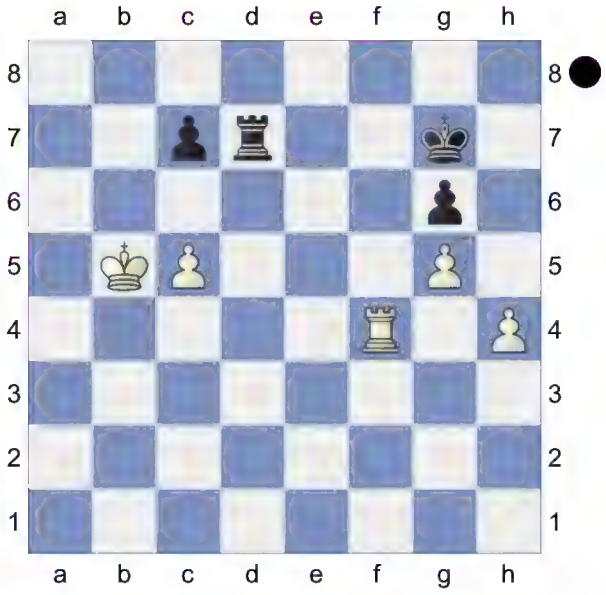


56.Rf6+ 48 **Kg7** 1:08 **57.Rf4** 16



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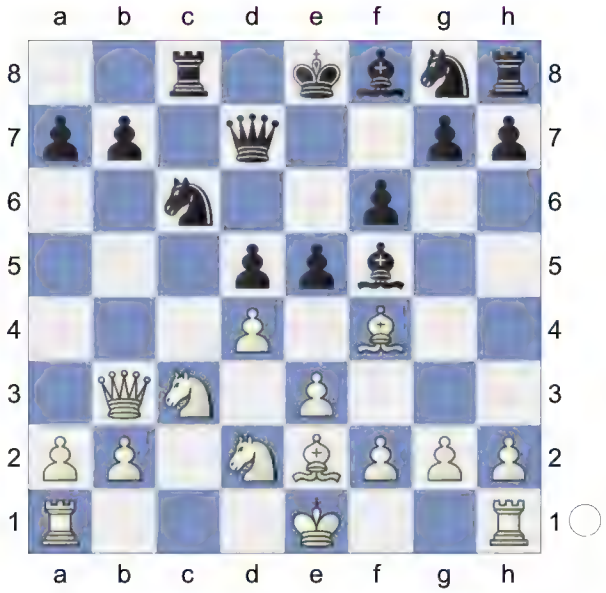
40 **D10**
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (8.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D10: Slav Defence: 3 cxd5 (without early Nf3) and 3 Nc3 **1.d4** 7:22 **d5** 3:02 **2.c4** 9 **c6** 3 **3.cxd5** 3:09 **cxd5** 6 **4.Bf4** 3 **Nc6** 1:02 **5.e3** 6 **Bf5** 1:17

6.Nc3 2:09 **e6** 1:28 **7.Nf3** 2:57 **Rc8N** 4:51
[7...Nf6 8.Bb5 *(8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.a3 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Rc1 f6 13.Nd2 e5 14.Nxe4 exf4 15.Nc3 fxe3 16.fxe3 0-0-0 17.g3 Kb8 18.Bg2 Ne7 19.Rf1 h5 20.Nb5 h4 21.g4 h3 22.Bf3 g6* 1-0 Deac,B (2700)-Danielyan,V (2346) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2)) 8...Bb4 *(8...Bd6 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.Bxe5 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Na4 Bd3 15.Re1 Rab8 16.Nc5 Ba6 17.Nd7* ½-½ Nakamura, H (2708)-Carlsen,M (2810) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2010 (5)*; 8...Nd7 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Nh4 Be4 11.0-0-0 Rc8 12.f3 Bg6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Kb1 a6 15.Bd3 Bb4 16.Rc1 0-0 17.a3 Bxc3 18.Rxc3 e5 19.dxe5 Ncxe5 20.Qc2 Rxc3 21.Qxc3 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 Nc5 23.Qd4* ½-½ Grabinsky,J (2490)-Bratu, J (2595) Antofagasta 123/200 2015*)* 9.Ne5 Qa5 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 c5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Qa4+ Ke7 15.g4 Bg6 16.g5 Ne8 17.Rab1 Qc8 18.Nc6+ 1-0 Elissalt Cardenas,H (2410)-Chavez,H (2060) Pinar del Rio 1997 (1)]
8.Qb3 21:05 The position is equal.
8...Qd7 5:03 **9.Be2** 5:30 **f6** 2:07 **10.Nd2** 5:59 **e5** 28:03



11.dxe5 7:50 **fxe5** 20 **12.Bg3** 4:46 **Be6** 5:43 **13.Qa4** 3:59 **Bd6** 3:52 **14.Nf3** 3:56 **a6** 12:19 **15.0-0** 5:50 **Nf6** 1:45

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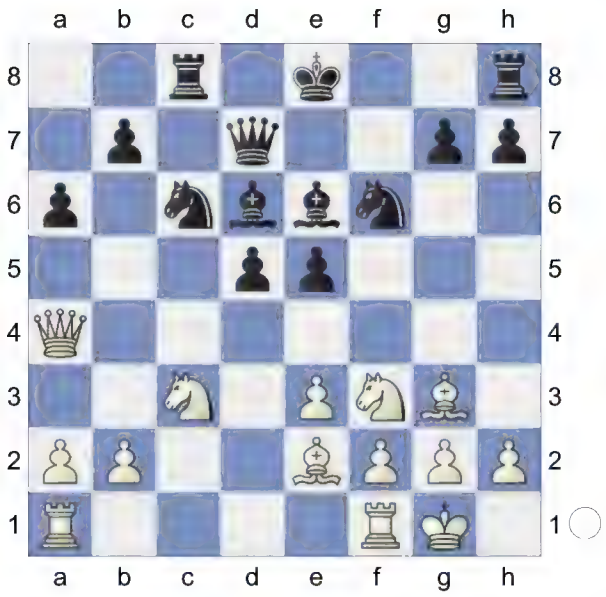
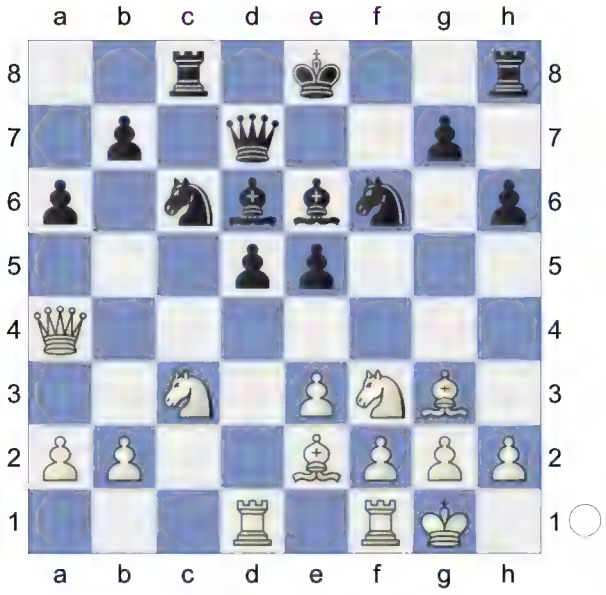


16.Rad1 3:21 **h6** 2:45



Repels Ng5 **17.b4** -0.57/20 8:59 **0-0** 0.13/21 15:26

[17...Bxb4 18.Nxe5 *(18.Bxe5 0-0=)* 18...Nxe5 19.Qxb4±]

[17...e4!∓ -0.57/20 18.Nh4 *(18.Bxd6? exf3 19.Bxf3 Qxd6-+)* 18...Bxb4]

18.b5= 24 **axb5** 5 **19.Bxb5** 31 **Qc7** 24 **20.Rc1** 2:41 **Bf7** 1:38

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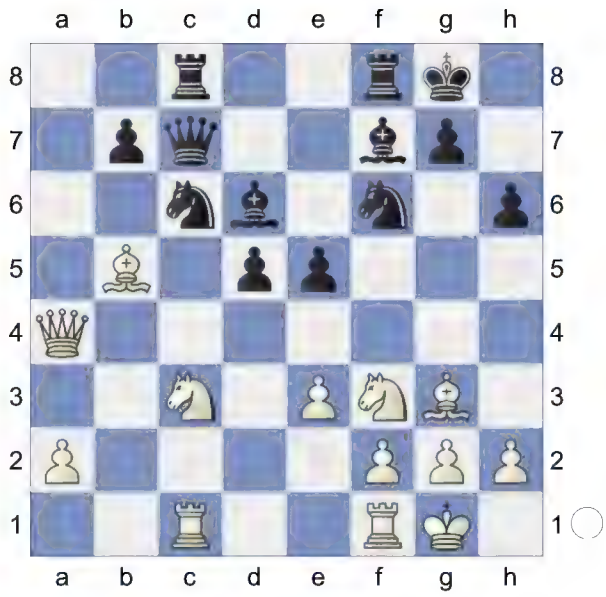
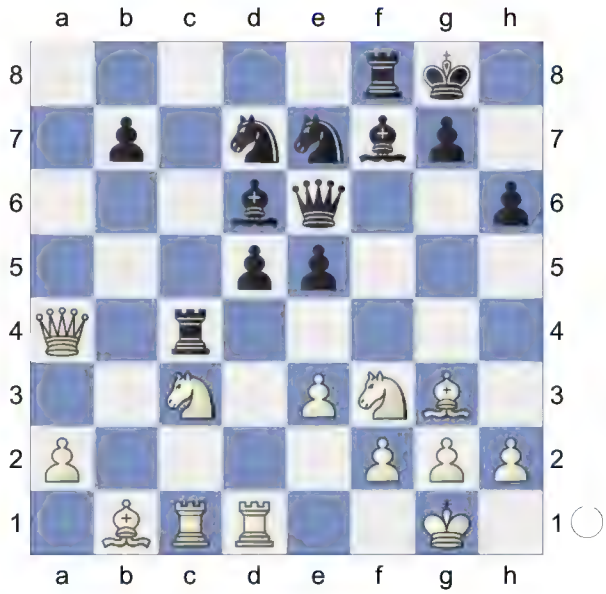


21.Rfd1 2:25 **Qe7** 5 **22.Nh4** 29 **Qe6** 1:50 Repels Nf5 **23.Nf3** 4:36 **Ne7** 1:30 **24.Bd3** 1:44 **Nd7** 4:22 **25.Bb1** -0.57/20 2:04

[25.Be2= 0.19/18]

25...Rc4 0.00/20 1:35

[25...Bh5∓ -0.57/20]



26.Qb5 -0.36/20 50

[26.Qb3= 0.00/20]

26...Ba3!∓ 53

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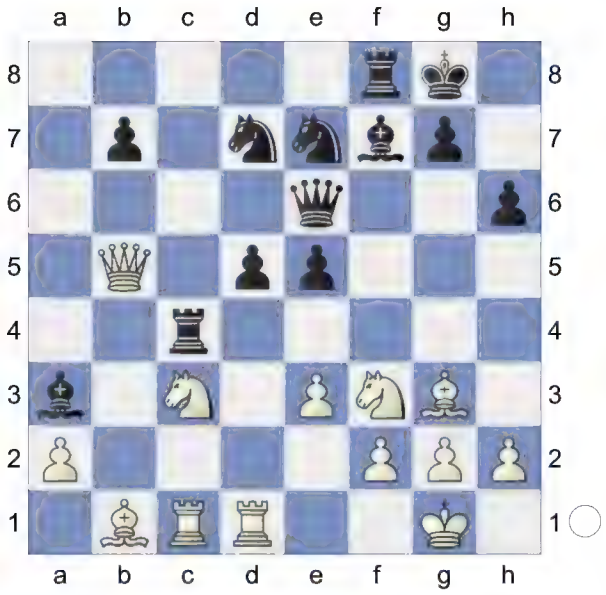

...Rfc8 would now be deadly. **27.Rc2!** 1 Threatens to win with Nxd5! **27...Rfc8** 39 **28.Qb3** 41

[28.Nxd5? Rxc2 29.Nxe7+ Bxe7-+]

28...Bd6 0.05/18 1:34

[28...Bg6?! 29.e4 dxe4 30.Nb5 *(30.Qxa3 exf3 31.Rcc1 Nf6∓; 30.Nd2 R4c6±)* 30...exf3 31.Nxa3±]

[28...Qa6!∓ -0.38/20 was preferrable. 29.Nb5 *(29.Bxe5? d4-+; 29.Nxe5? Nxe5 30.Nb5 Rxc2-+)* 29...Rxc2 30.Bxc2 Rxc2 31.Nxa3 *(31.Qxa3 Nc6∓)* 31...Rc5]

29.Nb5= 45 **Rxc2** 39 **30.Bxc2** 2 **Bb8** 13

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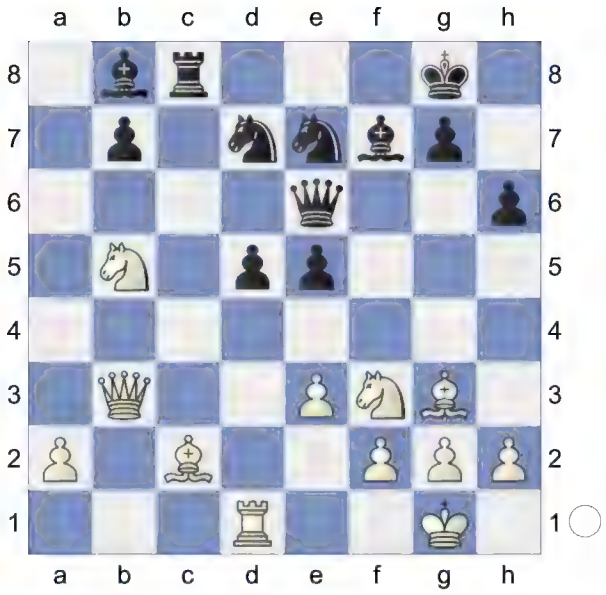


31.Bb1 16 **Qa6** 45 **32.Qb2** 13 **Nb6** 0.95/21 26

[32...Bh5= -0.01/18]

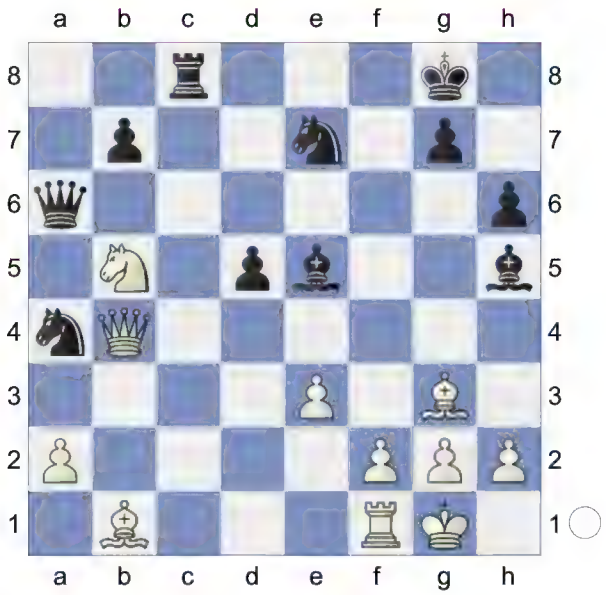
33.Nxe5± 17 White is more active.

[33.Bxe5? Nc4 34.Qd4 *(34.Qb4? Nc6-+)* 34...Bxe5 *(34...Qxb5 35.Bxg7 Qb6 36.Qa1∓)* 35.Nxe5 Qxb5-+]

33...Bh5 1.52/20 32

[⌓33...Be8 0.71/22 34.Bd3 Nc4 35.Bxc4 dxc4]

34.Rf1 21 **Na4** 9 **35.Qb4** 1:10 **Bxe5** 51



36.Qxe7 0.93/22 2

[⌓36.Bxe5 1.60/23 Nc6 37.Qd6 Nxe5 38.Qxe5 *(38.Qxd5+ Nf7∓)*]

36...Re8 1.87/22 36

[36...Bf6± 0.93/22 keeps fighting. 37.Qd6 *(37.Qd7 Rc5=)* 37...Qxd6 38.Nxd6 Ra8]

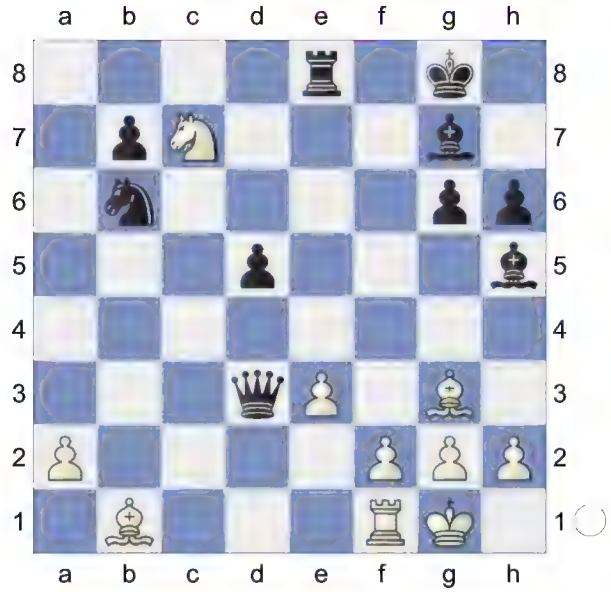
37.Qd7→ 39 And now Rc1 would win. White has strong attack. **37...Nb6** 2.91/21 26

[37...Bxg3± 1.54/20 38.hxg3 Qc6]

38.Qf5+- 24 **g6** 30 **39.Qd3** 6 **Bg7** 3.42/22 32

[39...Bxg3 2.22/18 was necessary. 40.hxg3 Qa4]

40.Nc7 35 **Qxd3** 29



41.Bxd3 1 **Rd8** 32 **42.Rb1** 23 **d4?** 5.70/23 15

[42...Na4 2.95/21 43.Ne6 *(43.Rxb7 Nc5+-)* 43...Rc8 44.Nxg7 *(44.Rxb7 Rc1+ 45.Bf1 Bf6±)* 44...Kxg7 45.Rxb7+ Kf6]

43.Rxb6 1:20 **dxe3** 4 **44.Rd6** 9

[44.Bxg6? Rd1#]

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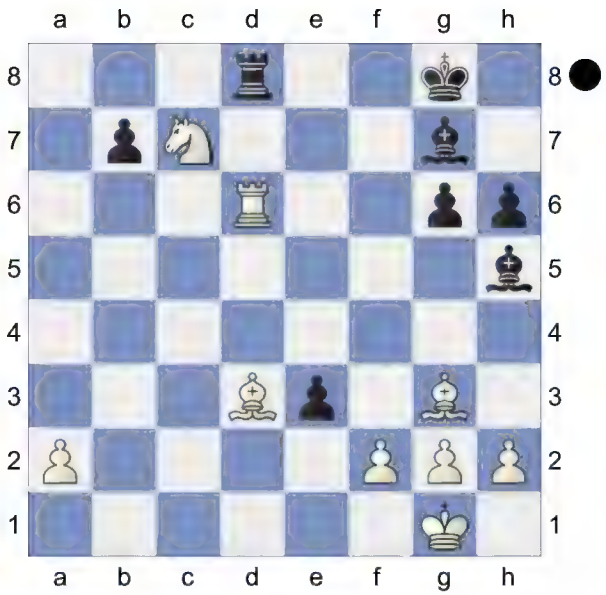

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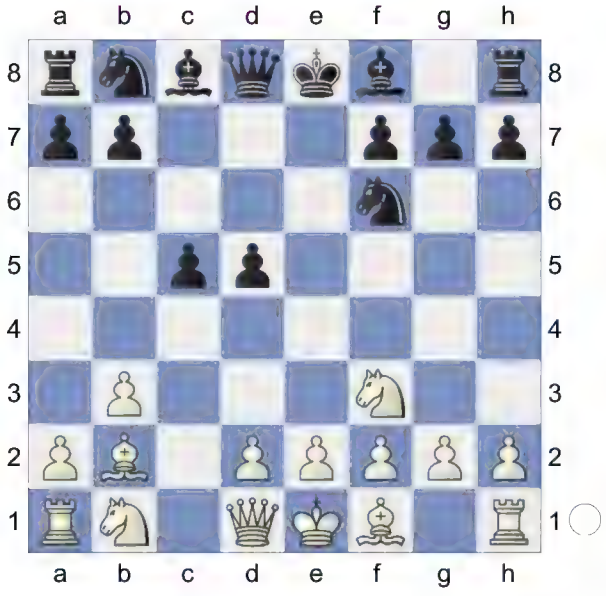
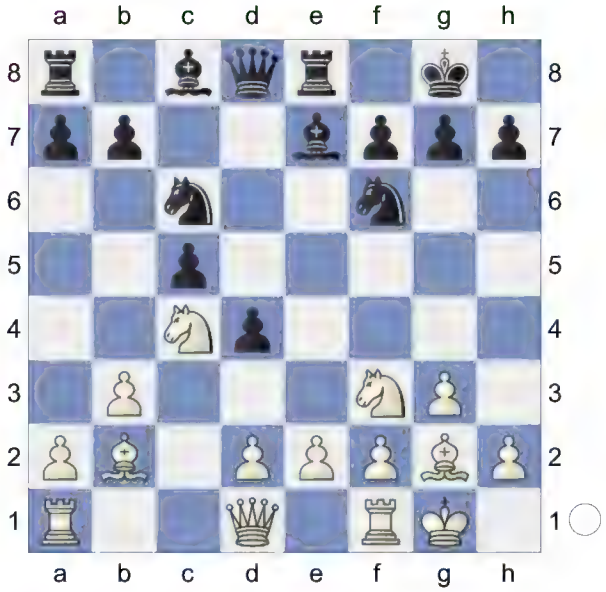
41 **A13**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Navara,David** **2677**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (9.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4** 3:10 **Nf6** 15 **2.Nf3** 5 **e6** 8 **3.b3** 5 **d5** 30 **4.Bb2** 8 **c5** 54 **5.cxd5** 8 **exd5** 7

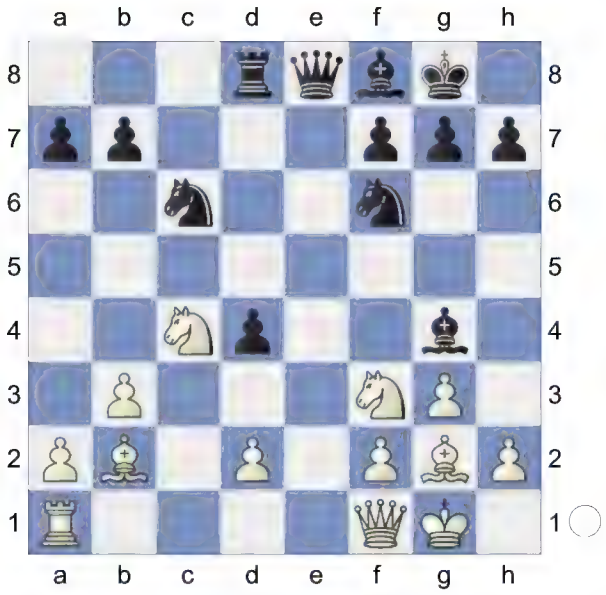


6.g3 4 **Nc6** 1:04 **7.Bg2** 5 **d4** 4:30 **8.0-0** 1:00 Black has an edge. **8...Be7** 3:39 **9.Na3** 1:12 **0-0** 14 **10.Nc4** 53 **Re8N** 2:02
[10...Be6 11.e3 Rc8 *(11...Bd5 12.exd4 cxd4 13.Re1 Re8 14.Nce5 Bc5 15.Rc1 Bb6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Qe1 Qd8 19.Qe5 d3 20.Nd4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qd5+ 22.Qxd5 Nxd5 23.Nf3 f6 24.Ne1 Rd8 25.Rc4 Kf7 26.Kf1* 1-0 Keymer,V (2717)-Radjabov,T (2745) Tata Steel India blitz Kalkata 2023 (2) *)* 12.exd4 *(12.Nce5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qb6 14.Rc1 dxe3 15.dxe3 Qa6 16.a4 Rfd8 17.Qc2 Nd5 18.Be4 Nf6 19.Bd3 Qb6 20.Nc4 Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Ne8 22.e4 Nc7 23.f4 Ne6 24.e5 Qc6 25.Rce1 a6 26.a5 Nd4* 1-0 Glaser,G (2672)-Wirsching,A (2640) 89/465 Plovdiv 2003 (6.1)*)* 12...cxd4 13.Re1 Bd5 14.Nce5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Re8 16.Bf3 Bc5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Nd3 Rxe1+ 19.Nxe1 Re8 20.Nd3 Bb6 21.Nf4 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Qd7 23.h4 h6 24.Ng2 Ng4 25.Re1 ½-½ Giri,A (2777)-Ding,L (2778) Gashimov Memorial 5th Shamkir 2018 (4)]

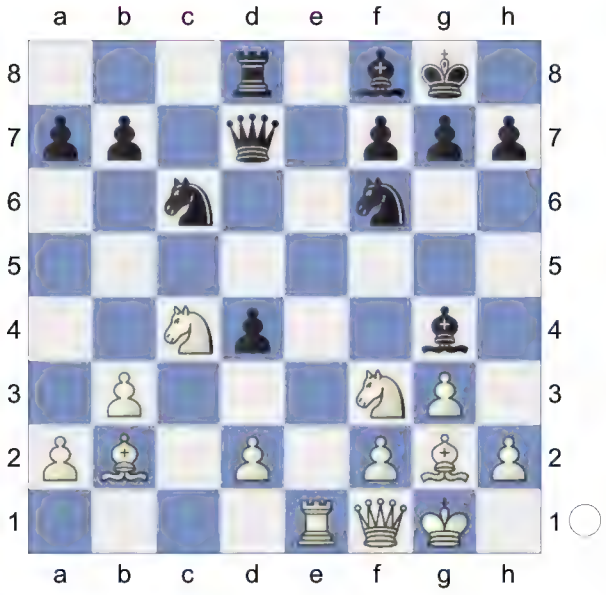


11.e3 5:41 **Bf8** 6:39 **12.exd4** 3:10 **cxd4** 1:49 **13.Re1** 6 **Bg4** 0.50/20 14:46
[13...Be6= 0.08/17]
14.Rxe8± 8:43 **Qxe8** 5:08 **15.Qf1** 4:36 **Rd8** 9:03

(Diagram)

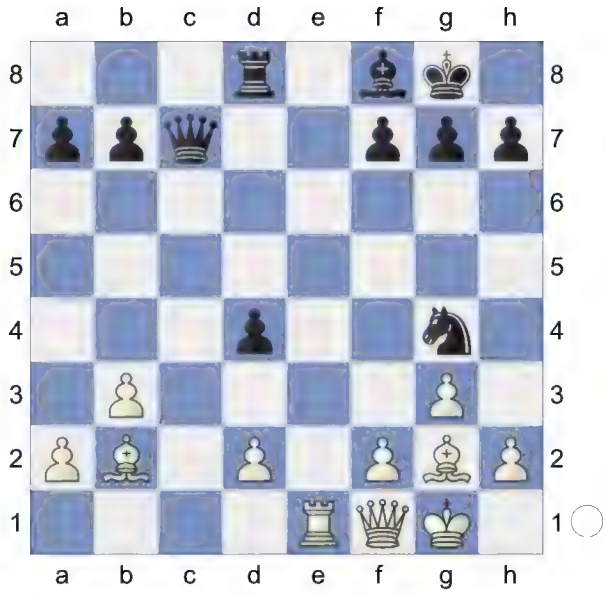


16.Re1 2:22 **Qd7** 22

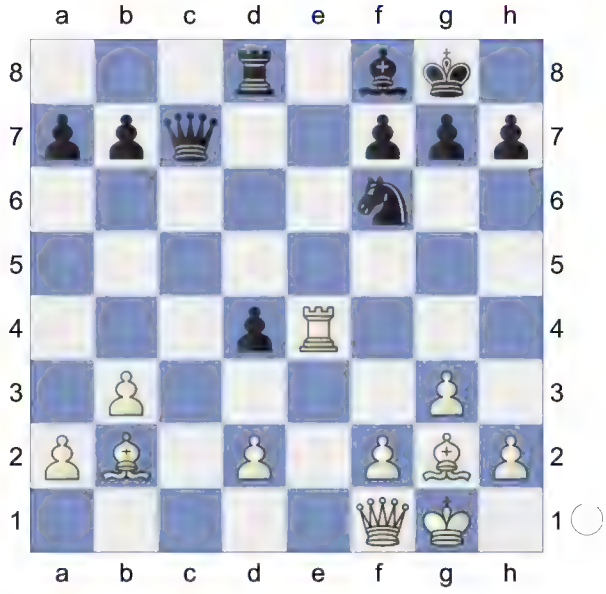


17.Nce5! 1:23 **Nxe5** 1.12/21 10
[17...Qd6± 0.63/17]
18.Nxe5± 14 **Qc7** 20 **19.Nxg4** 17:22 **Nxg4** 7

(Diagram)

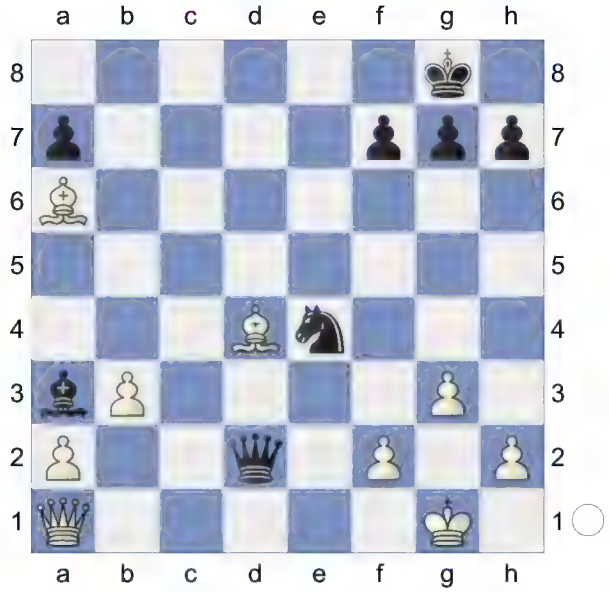


20.Re4! 3 **Nf6** 1.67/21 16:08
[20...Qc2± 0.75/20]



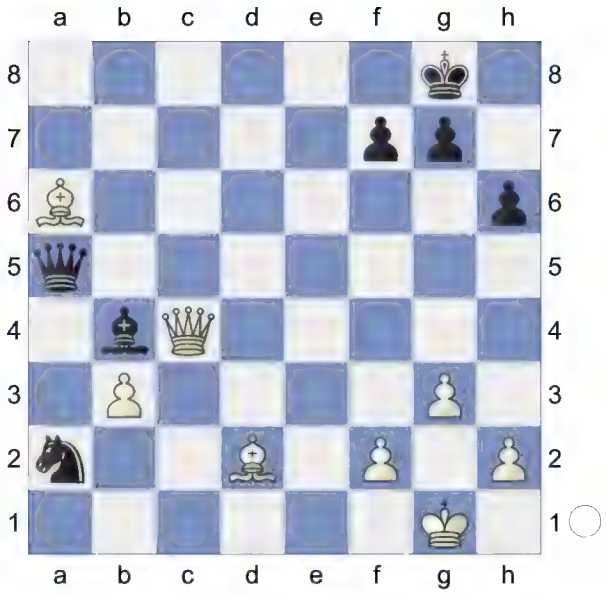
21.Rxd4+- 1:31 **Rxd4** 9 **22.Bxd4** 5 **Qc2** 1.91/22 1:19
[22...b6± 1.55/20 might work better. 23.Qc4 Qe7]
23.Bxb7 1:23 A strong pair of Bishops.
[23.Bxa7 Qxa2 24.Bd4 Qxb3±]
23...Qxd2 2:40 **24.Qa1** 34
[Not 24.Bxa7 Qxa2 25.Ba6 Qxb3±]
24...Ba3 2:43 **25.Ba6** 9:57
[Weaker is 25.Bxa7 Qd7∓]

25...Ne4 3:49

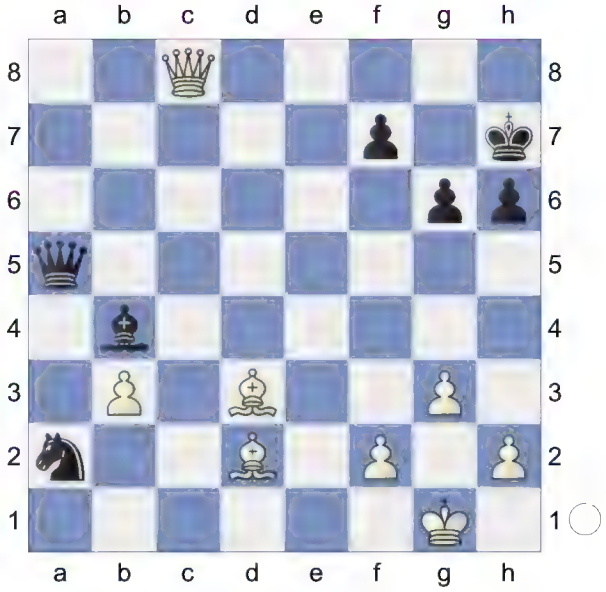


26.Bxa7 6:41 **Qa5** 2.51/23 58
[⌓26...Ng5 1.75/22 27.Bf1 Nf3+ 28.Kh1 h5]
27.Qf1 8 **h6** 8:58 **28.Be3** 7:50 **Nc3** 2:23
29.Bd2 1:16 Strongly threatening Qc4.
29...Bb4 4.66/22 16
[29...Qe5 3.13/21 keeps fighting. 30.Bc4 Nxa2]
30.Qc4 6:34 aiming for Qc8+.
30...Nxa2? 8.11/25 34
[30...g6 3.70/20 31.Bxh6 *(31.a4 Ne2+ 32.Qxe2 Bxd2+-)* 31...Nd1]

(Diagram)

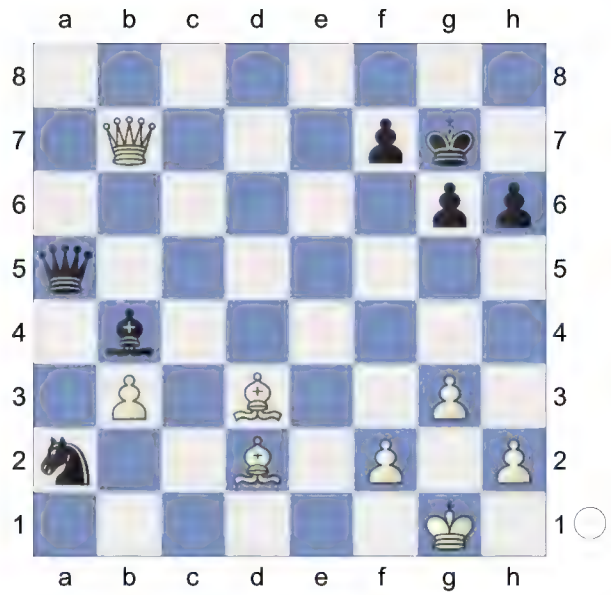


31.Qc8+ 19 White is clearly winning.
31...Kh7 5 **32.Bd3+** 6 **g6** 12

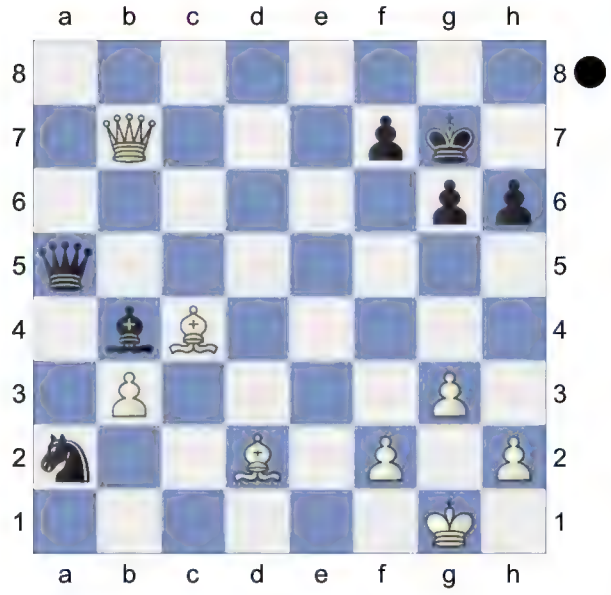


33.Qb7! 2:24 **Kg7** 1:37
[33...Qe5 34.Bxb4]

(Diagram)



34.Bc4! 7



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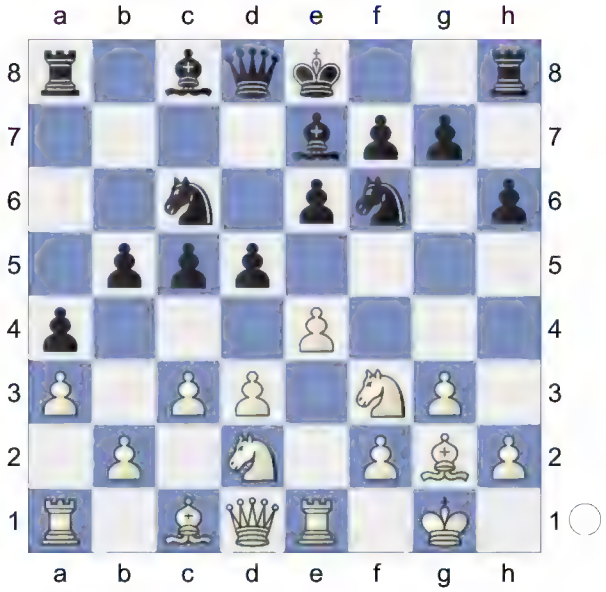
1-0

42 **C00**
□ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
■ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (9.2)
[Kitty Kat]

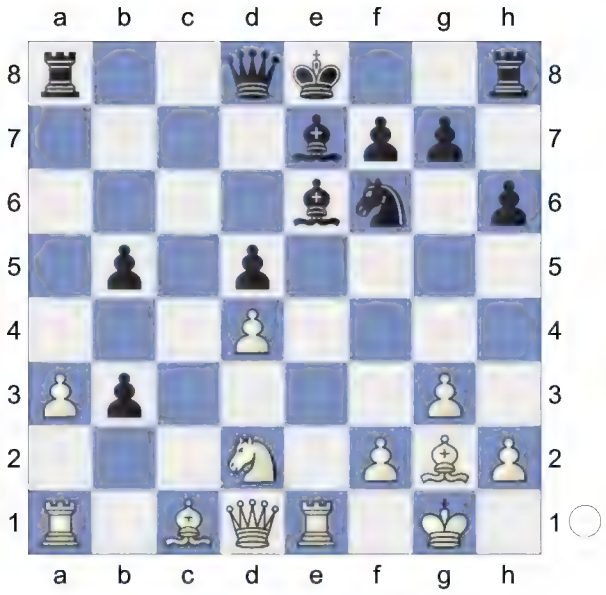
Slow 90min+30sec
C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 35 **e6** 13:45 **2.d3** 1:41 **d5** 1:07 **3.Nd2** 7 **Nf6** 10 **4.Ngf3** 3 **Be7** 6 **5.g3** 9 **a5** 5

6.Bg2 5:29 **a4** 14 **7.a3** 2 **c5** 25 **8.0-0** 9 Black has an edge. **8...Nc6** 3 **9.Re1** 9 **h6N** 3:20
[9...0-0 10.e5 Nd7 11.Nf1 Qc7 *(11...b5 12.h4 Bb7 13.h5 h6 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Rfc8 16.g4 Qd8 17.N1h2 Ra6 18.Kh1 b4 19.Rg1 Nf8 20.axb4 cxb4 21.d4 Na5 22.g5 Nc4 23.Qc1 hxg5 24.Bxg5 b3 25.Bxe7 Qxe7 26.Bf1* 1-0 10.Ba3 b6 11.ba5 Nh5 (2757)-Swol,M (2709) 73/32 Kstovo 1998 (6.2) *a3 27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.Ng4 f5 29.exf6+ Qxf6 30.Nxf6 axb2 31.Qg5+ Kf7 32.h6 Ng6 33.Nh4 bxa1Q 34.Qxg6+ Ke7 35.Qg7+ Kd6 36.Qd7#* 1-0 10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_1525 (2757)-Swol,M (2709) 73/32 Kstovo 1998 (6.2)) 12.Bf4 b5 13.c3 Nb6 14.Rc1 Ba6 15.h4 Rfc8 16.Ne3 b4 17.c4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 Nxc4 19.dxc4 Bb7 20.Nd2 Rd8 21.h5 Nd4 22.Qg4 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Qb7+ 24.Ne4 ½-½ Djordjevic,D (2156)-Colovic,D (2273) SRB-chT 1st League CS Banja Vrujci 2022 (3.1)]
10.c3 1:49 **b5** 0.19/19 16:55
[⌓10...0-0 -0.23/17]

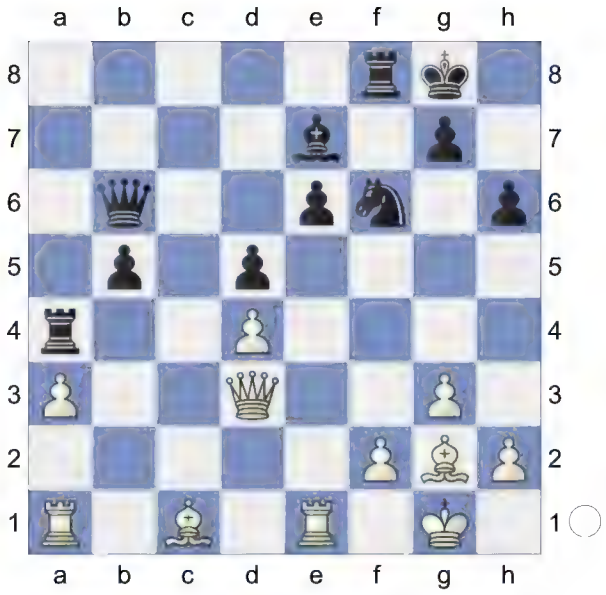


11.exd5= 1:41 **exd5** 2:24 **12.d4** 44 **cxd4** 13:45 **13.Nxd4** 3:26 **Nxd4** 7 **14.cxd4** 6 **Be6** 20 **15.b4** 22:01 **axb3** 5:43

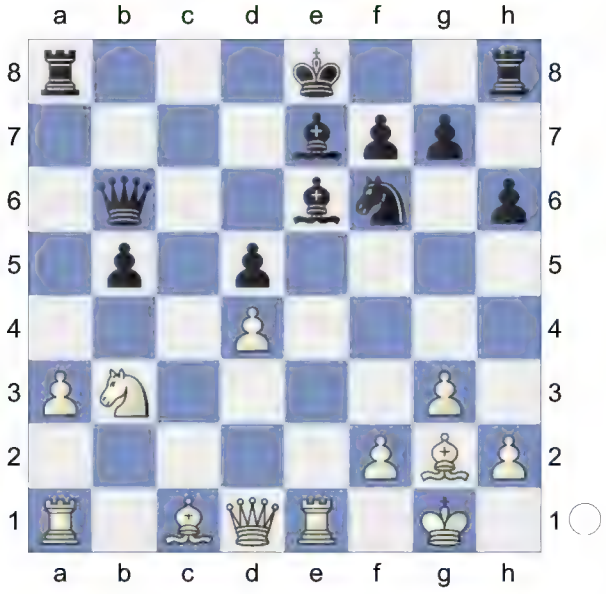
(Diagram)



16.Nxb3 24 **Qb6** 0.63/21 13
[Black should play 16...Ne4= 0.08/18]

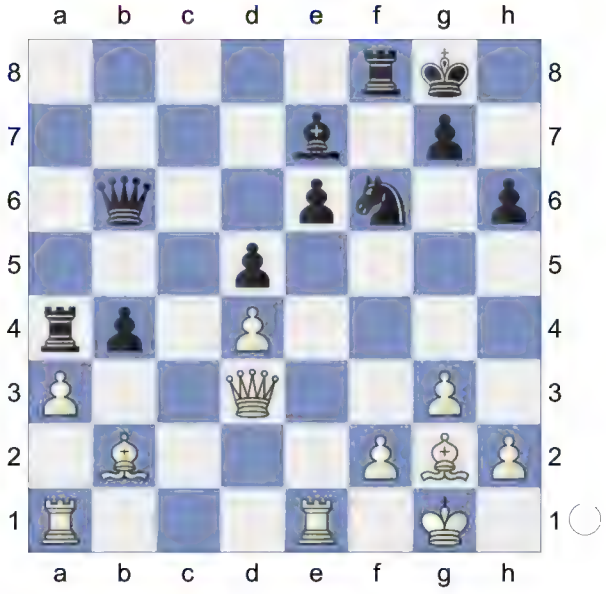


20.Bb2 0.54/18 0
[20.Rb1!± 0.99/19]
20...b4 5:58



Wards off Nc5 **17.Nc5!±** 12:15 **0-0** 3:32
[17...Bxc5 18.dxc5]
18.Nxe6 3:31 **fxe6** 1:23 **19.Qd3** 45:39
Ra4 6:10

(Diagram)



21.axb4 0 **Rxa1** 56 **22.Rxa1** 0 **Qxb4** 29
23.Bc3 0 **Qb3** 53 Hoping for ...Bb4.
24.Rb1 0 **Qa3** 2:48 And now ...Rc8 would win. **25.Ra1** 0.01/19 0
[25.Qc2± 0.74/20]
25...Qb3= 6

(Diagram)

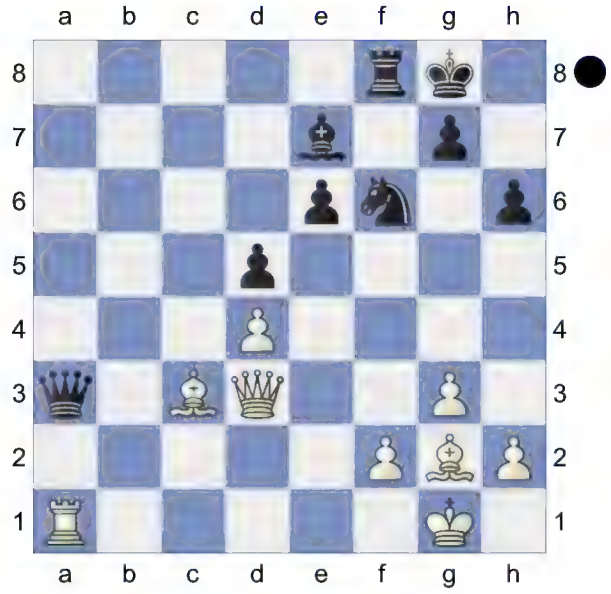
White must now prevent ...Rc8. **26.Rb1** -0.01/20 0

[Better is 26.Bh3± 0.88/19]

26...Qa3! 24 Strongly threatening ...Rc8.

27.Ra1 0.01/37 0

[27.Qc2± 0.72/22]



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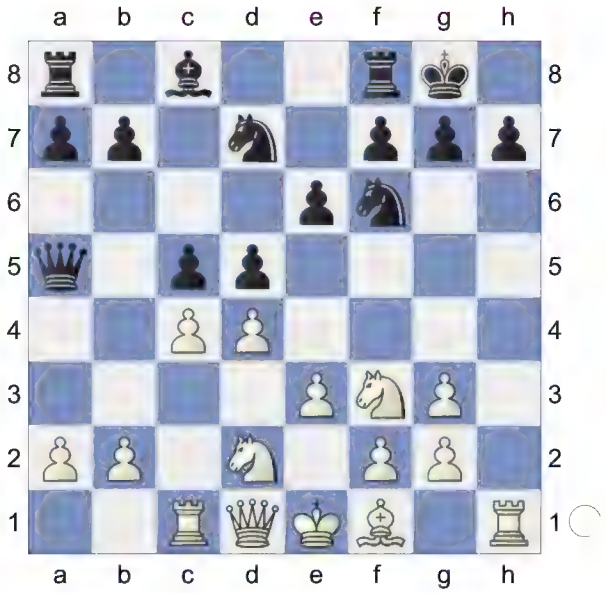
½-½

43 **D02**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
■ **Maurizzi,Marc`Andria** **2581**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (9.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4** 1:42 **d5** 16 **2.Nf3** 8 **Nf6** 4 **3.Bf4N** 6
[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Bd5 12.e3 f5 13.Ned2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 D 02/08 2003]
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 *(4.b3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.c4 Qe7 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rfd8 15.Rad1* D 04/01 2003) 4...cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Klugel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Ne5 c5 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Qg4 g6 15.Bc2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qe7 17.Rfd1 b5 ½-½ Mitsis,G (2412)-Kupervaser,E (2262) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (8)]
3...c5 8 **4.e3** 4 **e6** 3 **5.c3** 41 **Bd6** 4

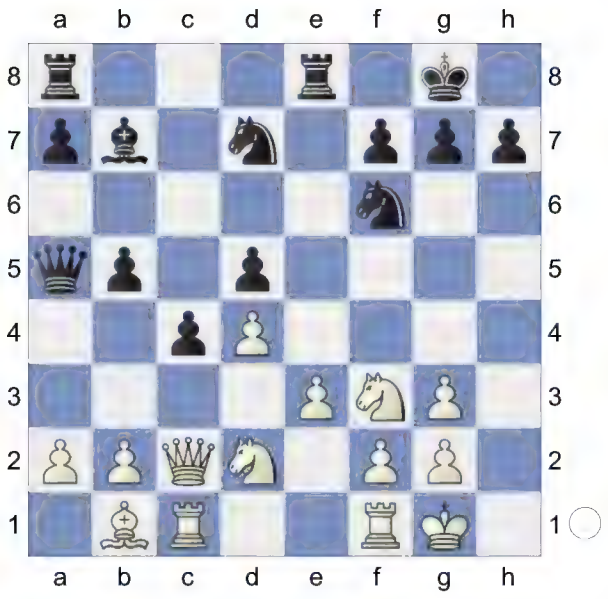
(Diagram)

6.Bg3 31 **0-0** 36 **7.Nbd2** 5 **Qc7** 42 **8.Rc1** 7:04 The position is equal. **8...Nbd7** 5:22 **9.c4** 14:16 **Bxg3** 4:41 **10.hxg3** 8 **Qa5** 45

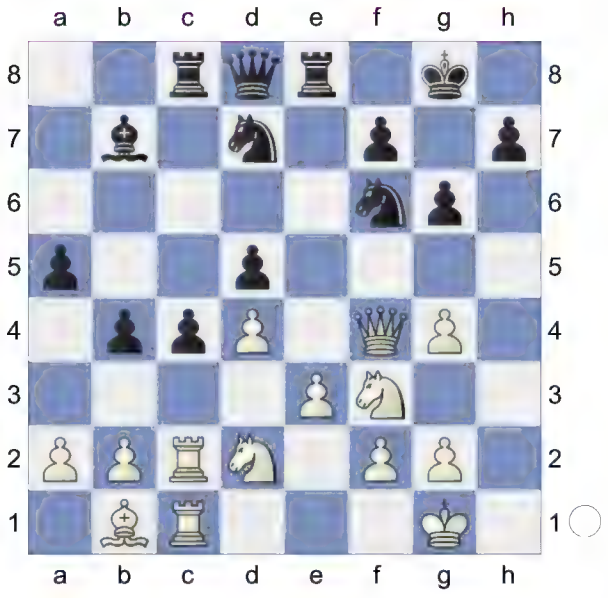


11.cxd5 8:15 **exd5** 1:47 **12.Bd3** 9:44 **c4** 3:09 **13.Bb1** 4:17 **Re8** 33 **14.0-0** 4:21 **b5** 37 **15.Qc2** 3:45 **Bb7** 44

(Diagram)

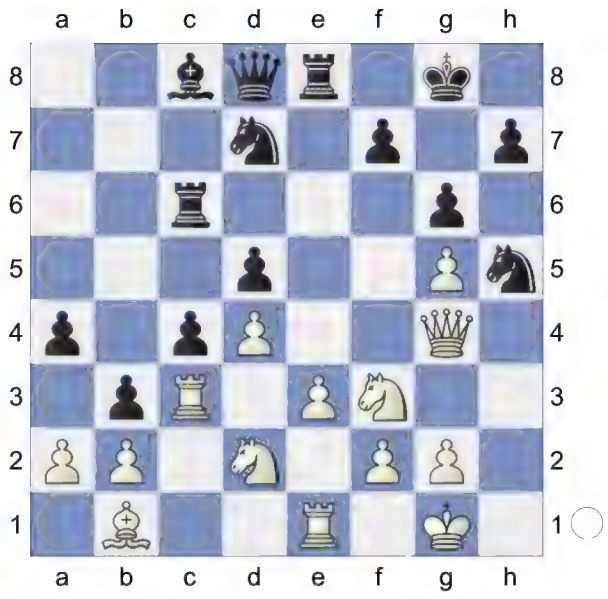


16.Qf5 7:31 **Rac8** 8:23 **17.Rc2** 13:58 **Qd8** 4:31 **18.Rfc1** 3:16 **b4** 1:38 **19.g4** 8:31 **g6** 2:21 **20.Qf4** 5 **a5** 20

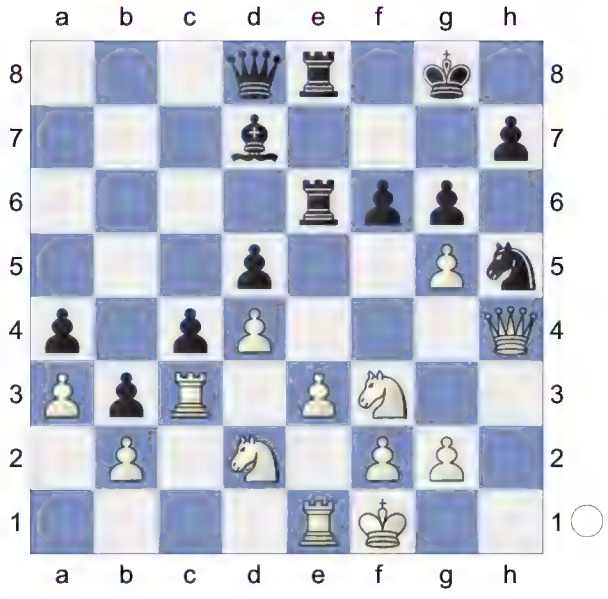


21.g5 8:11 **Nh5** 41 **22.Qg4** -0.82/17 15
[22.Qh4∓ -0.40/18 is superior.]
22...a4 1:44 **23.Re1** 26 **Rc6** 6:31 **24.Rcc1** 13 **b3** 2:06 **25.Rc3** 50 **Bc8** 1:45

(Diagram)



...bxa2 would now be deadly. **26.a3** 36 **Rce6** 3:55 **27.Bf5** -0.65/20 13 **R6e7** -0.26/20 2:55
[27...gxf5∓ -0.65/20 28.Qxh5 Rg6]
28.Bxd7 14 **Bxd7** 6 **29.Qh4** 4 **Re6** 7:20 **30.Kf1** 2:05 **f6** 4:01



31.gxf6 9 **Rxf6** 1:00 **32.Ne5** 3:47 **Ref8** 2:36

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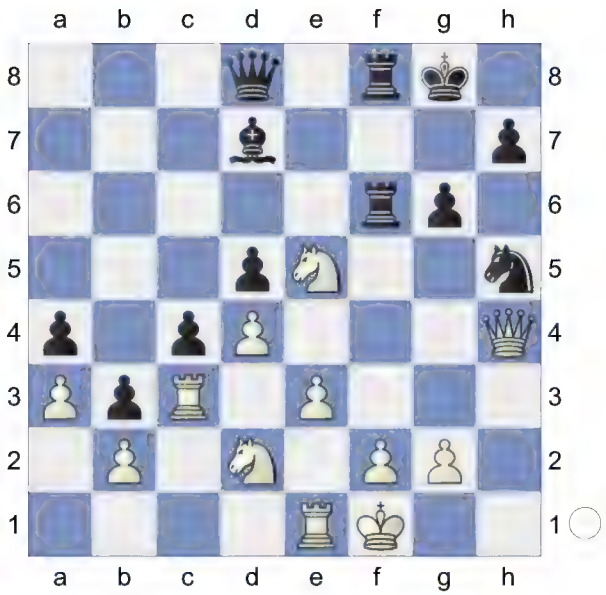
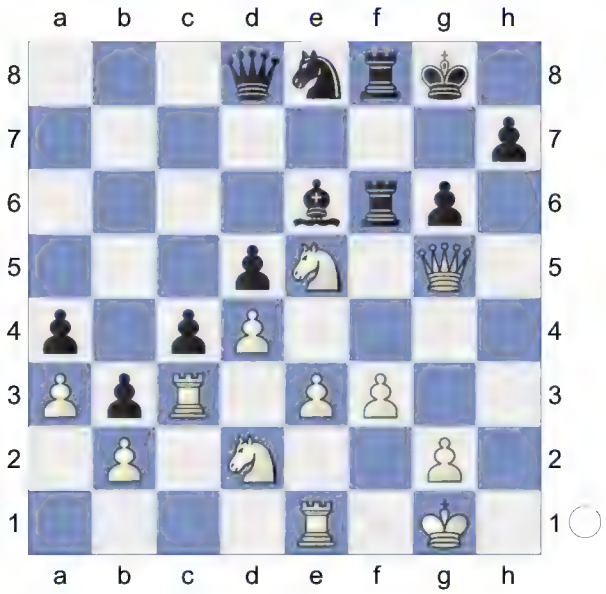
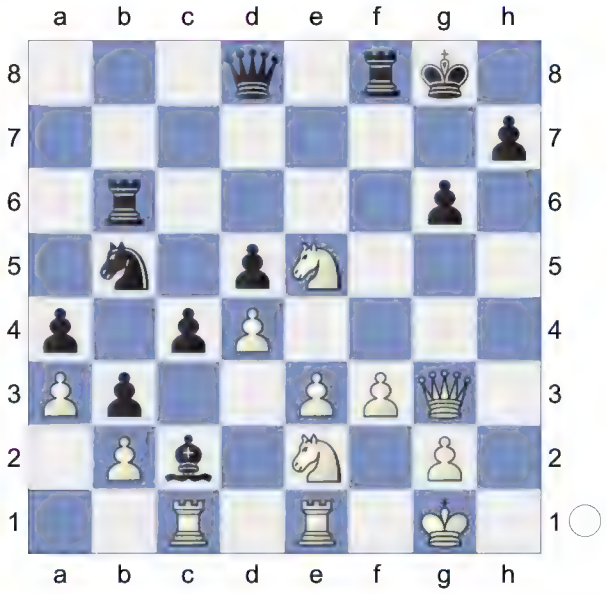


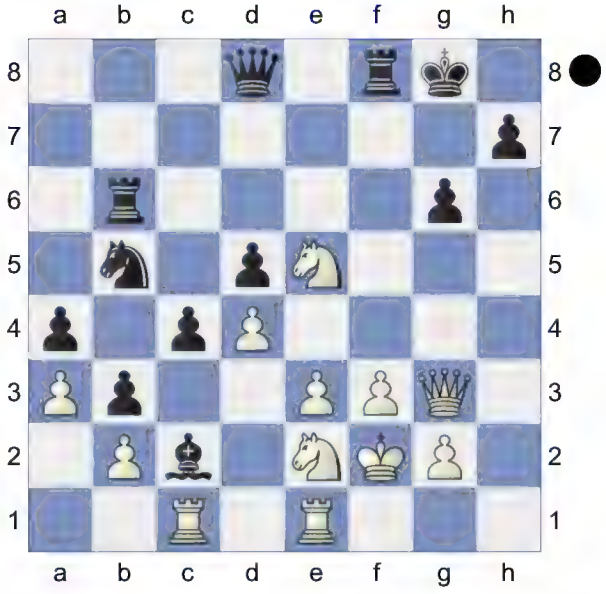
Strongly threatening ...Rxf2+. **33.Kg1** 1 **Be6** 1:34 **34.f3** 9 **Ng7** 0.89/20 44
[34...Qb6= 0.11/18]
35.Qg5 -0.06/18 36
[35.e4± 0.89/20]
35...Ne8 0.40/20 1:41
[35...Qb6= -0.06/18]



36.Rcc1 -0.51/17 21
[36.e4± 0.40/20 Nc7 37.exd5 Bxd5 38.Ndxc4]
36...Bf5 0.35/19 1:43
[36...Nd6∓ -0.51/17]
37.Nf1 -0.24/20 1:30
[37.e4± 0.35/19 dxe4 38.Rxc4]
37...Nc7= 5:10 **38.Ng3** 1 **Bc2** 21
39.Ne2 1:08 **Nb5** 6 **40.Qg3** -0.91/20 37
[40.Rxc2!= -0.12/20 keeps the balance. bxc2 41.Rc1]
40...Rb6↑ 2:27

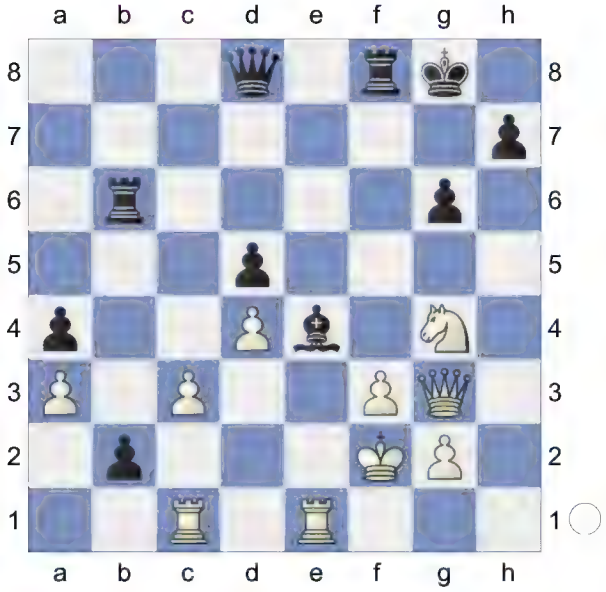


White is under pressure. **41.Kf2?** -2.87/19 8
[41.Rxc2∓ -0.69/19 bxc2 42.Rc1]

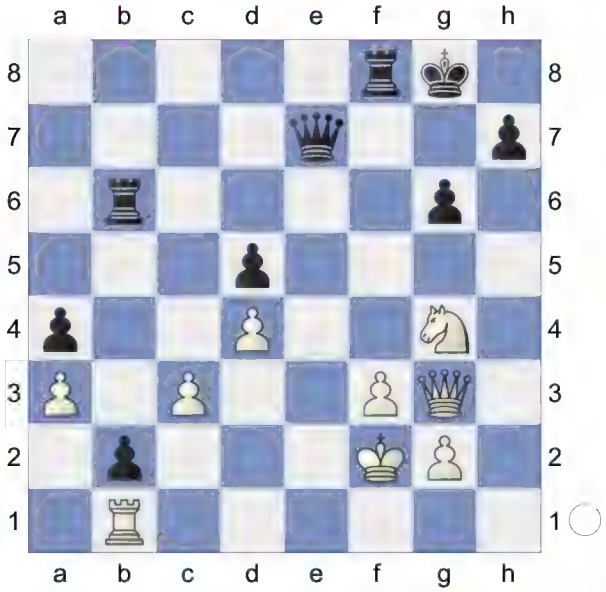


This move loses the game for White.
41...c3!-+ 51 **42.Nxc3** 21 **Nxc3** 5

43.bxc3 2 **Bf5** 33 **44.e4** 1:33 **Bxe4** 25
45.Ng4? -4.78/19 30
[45.Nc4 -2.74/19 b2 *(45...dxc4 46.Rxe4 Rb5 47.Rce1∓)* 46.Nxb2 Rxb2+ 47.Kg1]
45...b2 1:16



Black is clearly winning. **46.Rb1** 10
Bxb1 43 **47.Rxb1** 5 **Qe7** 16



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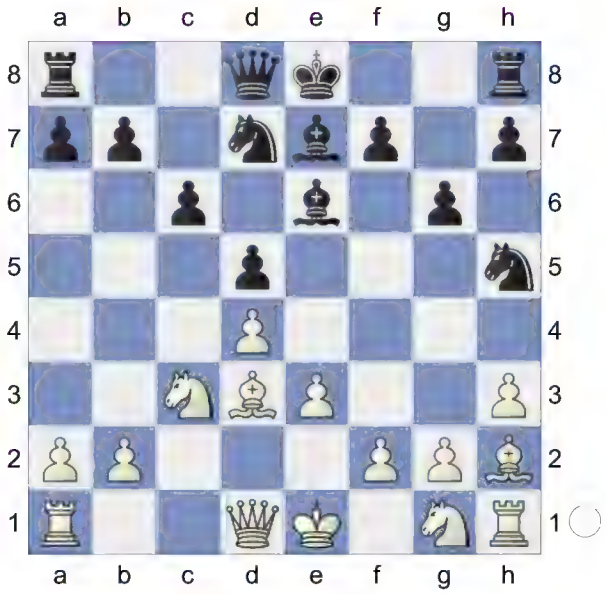
44 **D35**
□ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
■ **Moussard,Jules** **2595**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (9.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4** 3 **Nf6** 3:37 **2.c4** 4 **e6** 5 **3.Nc3** 8 **d5** 3 **4.cxd5** 8 **exd5** 5 **5.Bg5** 6 **Be6** 9

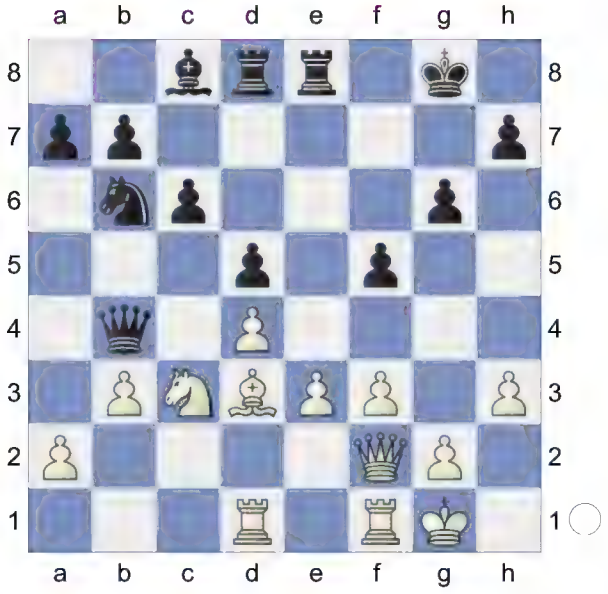
6.e3 3:22 **Nbd7** 35 **7.Bd3** 1:24 **c6** 11 **8.Bf4N** 2:08 White has an edge.
[8.Nge2 h6 9.Bf4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.h4 Nxg3 12.Nxg3 gxh4 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Nb6 15.Qe2 Qg5 16.e4 Bb4 17.0-0 Kf8 18.Bh3 Qf4 19.Kh1 dxe4 20.Qxe4 Qxe4 21.Nxe4 Kg7 22.a3 Be7 0-1 Rademakers,E (2272)-Kobo,O (2544) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (4.6)]
[8.h3 Bd6 9.Nge2 h6 10.Bf4 Qe7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 Nh5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Rc1 f5 15.Nf4 Nxf4 16.exf4 Rae8 17.g3 Qb4 18.Bc2 Qxb2 19.Re3 Qb6 20.Rb1 Qc7 21.Qe2 Bf7 22.Bxf5 Nb6 1-0 Keymer,V (2693)-Luch,M (2364) POL-chT Ekstraliga Bydgoszcz 2022 (4.1)]
[8.Qc2 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nge2 Nxg3 12.Nxg3 h5 13.a3 h4 14.Nf5 Qf6 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.Nb5 Kb8 17.Nbd6 Nb6 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxf5 20.Nc5 Qf4+ 21.Kb1 Rxd4 22.g3 Qe5 0-1 Gavriel,A (1296)-Weber,Y (1628) Rishon le Zion-ch U18 Rishon Le Zion 2023 (5)]
[8.f3 Be7 9.Nge2 h6 10.Bh4 Nb6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qc2 Rc8 13.Rad1 c5 14.Qb1 a6 15.Kh1 De la Fuente,A-Minasian,A 88/144 Enghien les Bains 2003]
8...g6 8 **9.h3** 2:16 **Nh5** 17 **10.Bh2** 41 **Be7** 5



11.Nge2 2:25 **0-0** 7 **12.0-0** 3:01 **Re8** 1:11 **13.f3** 11:43 **Nb6** 4:27 **14.Nf4** 16:01 **Nxf4** 2:04 **15.Bxf4** 4 **Bd6** 7:14

(Diagram)

16.Bxd6 1:59 **Qxd6** 21 **17.Qd2** 24 **f5** 3:24 **18.Qf2** 3:57 **Rad8** 6:35 **19.Rad1** 4:54 **Bc8** 7:09 **20.b3** 8:46 **Qb4** 1:01



21.Nb1 4:29 **a5** 35 **22.Bc2** 2:58 **Re7** 4:29 **23.Rfe1** 1:46 **Rde8** 1:53 **24.f4** 2:11 **a4** 58 **25.a3** 2:51 **Qd6** 28

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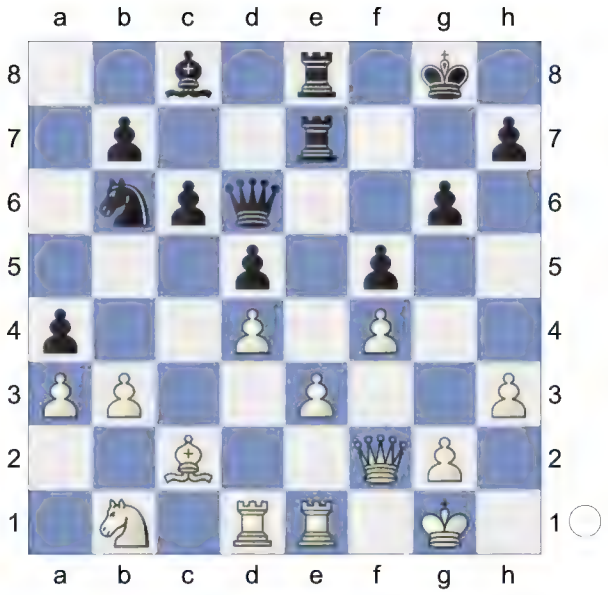
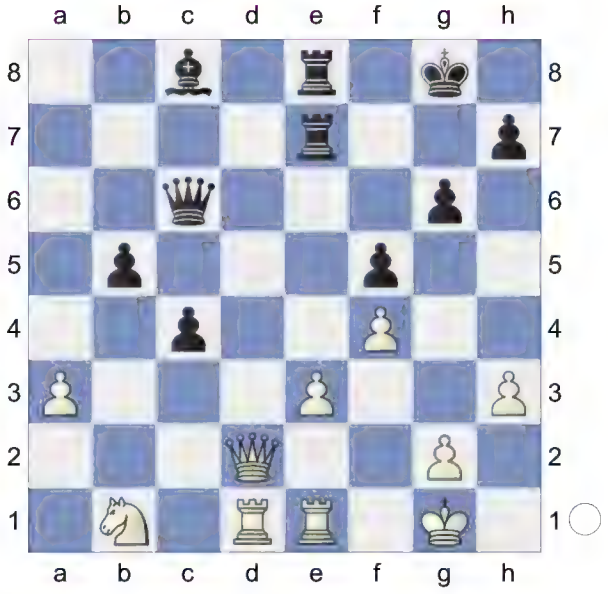


26.Qd2 14 **axb3** 1:49 **27.Bxb3** 58 **Nc4** 12 **28.Bxc4** 11 **dxc4** 2 **29.d5** 3:36 **b5** 3:06 **30.dxc6** 1:24 **Qxc6** 42

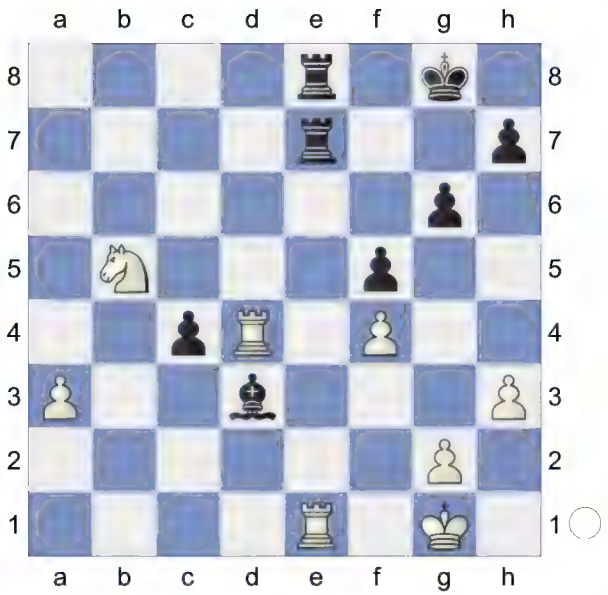


31.Nc3 6:38 **Bb7** 8:19 **32.e4** 3:57 **Qc5+** -0.30/23 48

[32...fxe4∓ -0.80/21 Hoping for ...e3. 33.Qe3 g5]

33.Qd4= 10 **Qxd4+** 6 **34.Rxd4** 1 **Bxe4** 45 **35.Nxb5** 1:21 **Bd3** 43

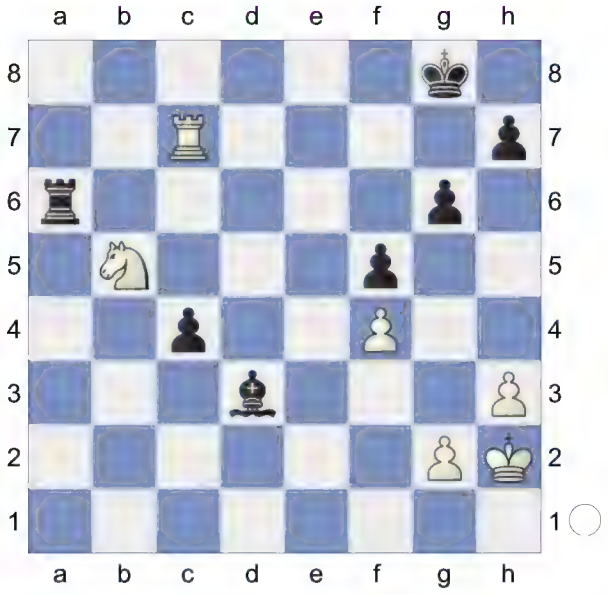
(Diagram)



36.Rxe7 39 **Rxe7∓** 5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **37.a4** 1:12 **Re1+** 2:48 **38.Kh2** -0.61/20 2:06

[38.Kf2= -0.14/21 was preferrable. Ra1 39.g4]

38...Ra1 1:46 **39.Rd7** 2:21 **Rxa4** 1:28 **40.Rc7** 5 **Ra6** 3:24

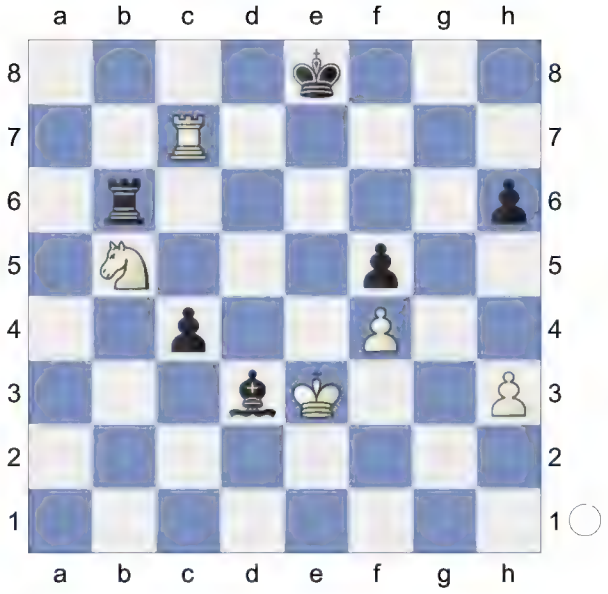


41.g4 35 **h6** 5 **42.gxf5** 32 **gxf5** 35

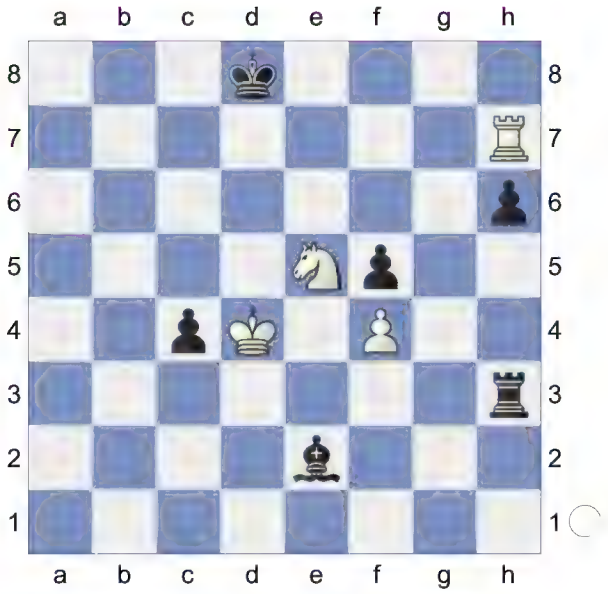
[42...Bxf5 43.Rxc4 g5 44.fxg5=]

43.Kg3 10 **Kf8** 11 **44.Kf3** 57 **Ke8** 2:15 **45.Ke3** 20 **Rb6** -0.01/20 8:26

[45...Re6+∓ -0.41/19 is more appropriate. 46.Kd4 Bf1]



46.Nd4= 55 **Rg6** 37 **47.Nc6** 1:37 **Rg3+** 1:03 **48.Kd4** 27 **Rxh3** 58 **49.Ne5** 12 **Kd8** 1:41 **50.Rh7** 15 **Be2** 2:10



51.Nxc4 1:18 **h5** 29 **52.Nd6** 24 White has compensation. **52...Bg4** 1:11 **53.Ke5** 6:36 **Re3+** 59 **54.Kf6** 0 **Rf3** 25 **55.Kg5** 0

[55.Nxf5? is the wrong capture. Rxf4-+]

55...Rd3 31

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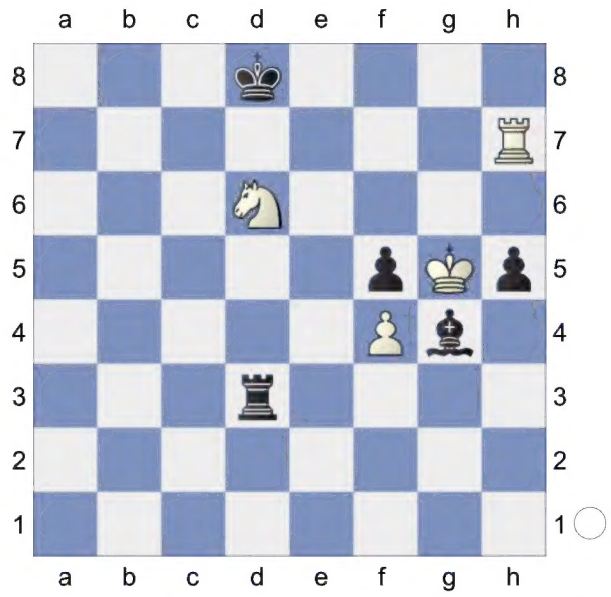
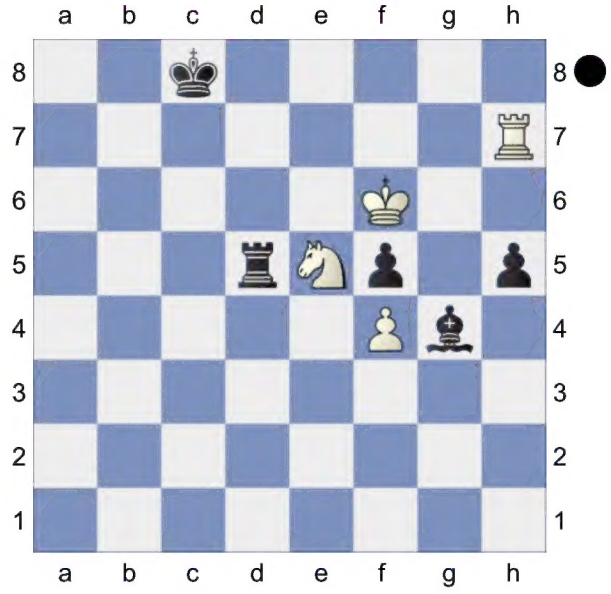


56.Nf7+ 0 **Kc8** 38 **57.Ne5** 0 **Rd5** 20
58.Kf6 0 **Rd6+** 17 **59.Kg5** 0 **Rd5** 23
60.Kf6 0



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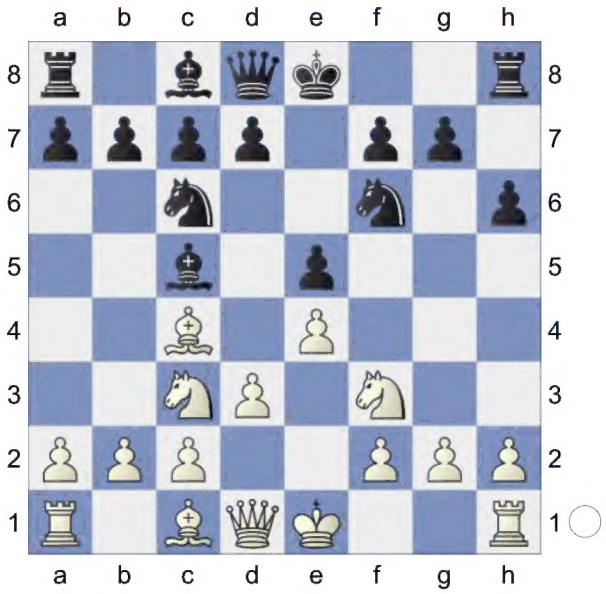
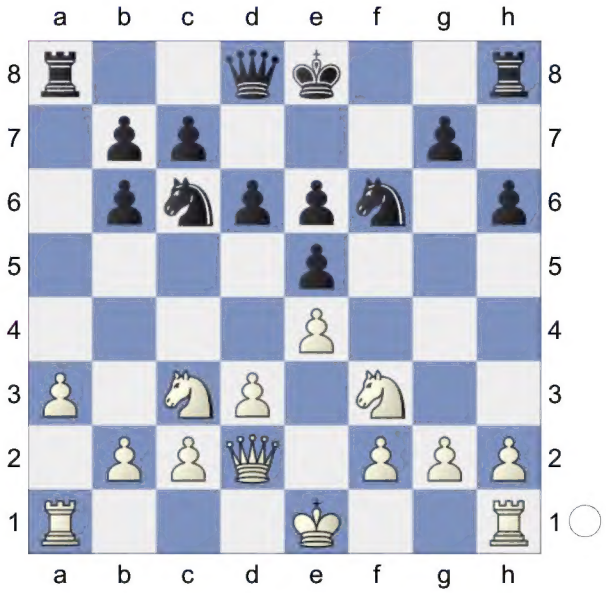
45 **C50**
□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (9.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** 19 **e5** 9 **2.Nf3** 12 **Nc6** 4 **3.Bc4** 14 **Bc5** 6 **4.d3** 26 **Nf6** 1:18 **5.Nc3** 25 **h6** 1:47



6.Be3 2:57 **Bb6** 4:16 **7.Qd2** 1:12 **d6** 13 **8.a3N** 59
[8.Rg1 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d4 Ba5 11.Qd3 d5 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nb3 e4 15.Qd2 Bb6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Rhf8 18.a3 Kb8 19.Na4 Ne8 20.Nac5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5 Qe7 22.Bf4 Nd6 ½-½ Soares,D-Cortinhas,M POR-ch (Women) Lisbon 1999 (5)]
[8.h3 Be6 *(8...Nd4 9.a3 Be6 10.Nd5 Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Nxd5 12.exd5 Bf5 13.Rg1 g6 14.Bxh6 Bxh3 15.0-0-0 Qh4 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.fxe3 0-0-0 18.Qa5 Kb8 19.d4 exd4 20.Rxd4 Qf2 21.Rgd1 Qxe3+ 22.Kb1 Qxf3 23.Ba6* 1-0 Montes Olaya,K-Arellano Sierra,G COL-ch U14 Cartagena 2023 (2)*)* 9.Bb3 Qd7 10.Ne2 Ba5 11.c3 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Ng3 Nxe3 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Qxe3 Bb6 16.Qe2 Qd6 17.0-0 0-0-0 18.Rad1 Rhf8 19.b4 Rd7 20.Rfe1 a6 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Qxe5 Qxe5 0-1 Colas,J (2200)-Kulkarni,V (2310) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (4)]
[8.0-0-0 Na5 9.h3 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.c5 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Rd1+ Ke7 16.Nxe5 Rd8 17.f3 g5 18.a3 c6 19.Na4 Rxd1+ 20.Kxd1 Kd6 21.Nd3 Nd7 22.b3 c4 0-1 Arrondo Vila,N-Samper Gonzalez, P (1411) Barcelona Sant Marti op-B 22nd 2022 (9)]
8...Be6 2:44 **9.Bxe6** 40 **fxe6** 3 **10.Bxb6** 9 The position is equal. **10...axb6** 1



11.d4 14 **exd4** 1:11 **12.Nxd4** 6 **Qe7** 7 **13.0-0-0** 5:45 **0-0** 29 **14.f3** 2:45 **Rf7** 45 **15.Kb1** 3:20 **Raf8** 21

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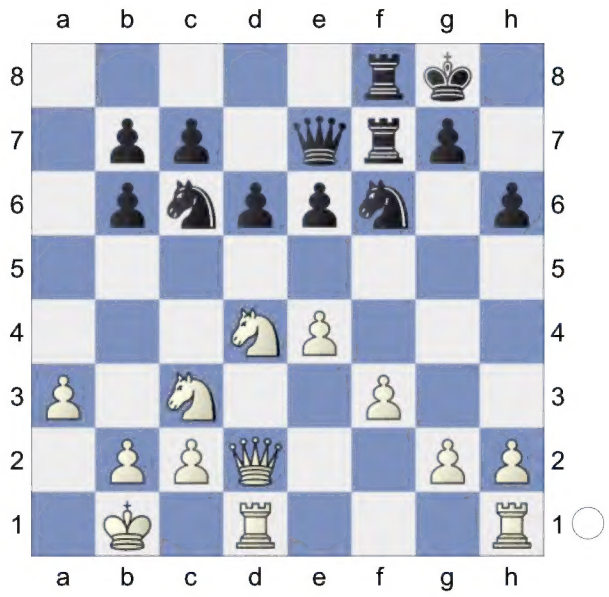
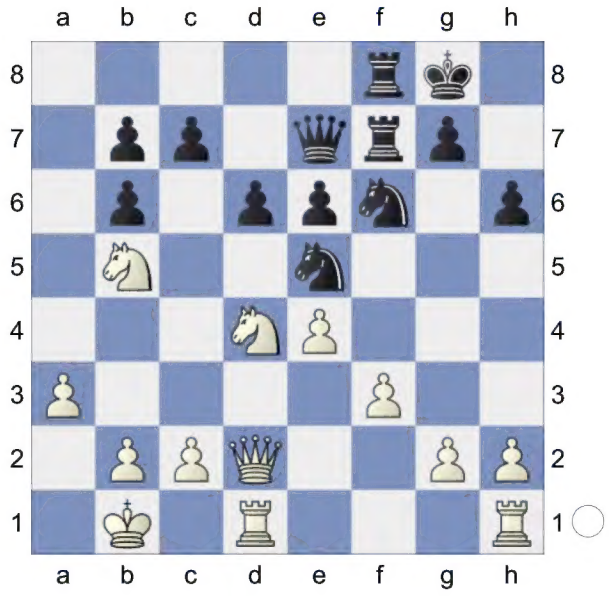


16.Ncb5 3:21 **Ne5** 1.56/20 5:52
[16...Nxd4± 0.36/17 17.Qxd4 Nh5]



17.Nxc7!± 12:54 Decoy. White is more active. **17...Nc4** 2.06/22 7:54
[17...Qxc7± 1.59/22 might work better. 18.Nxe6 Qc8 *(18...Nc4? 19.Qb4+-)* 19.Nxf8 Rxf8 *(19...Nc4? 20.Qb4+-)*]

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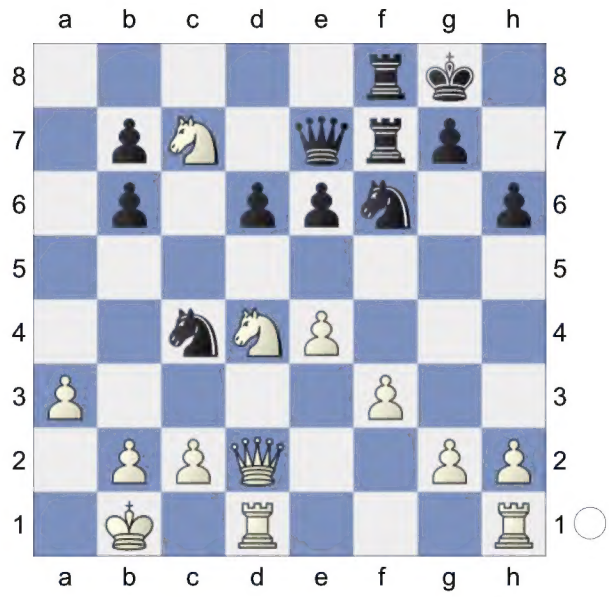
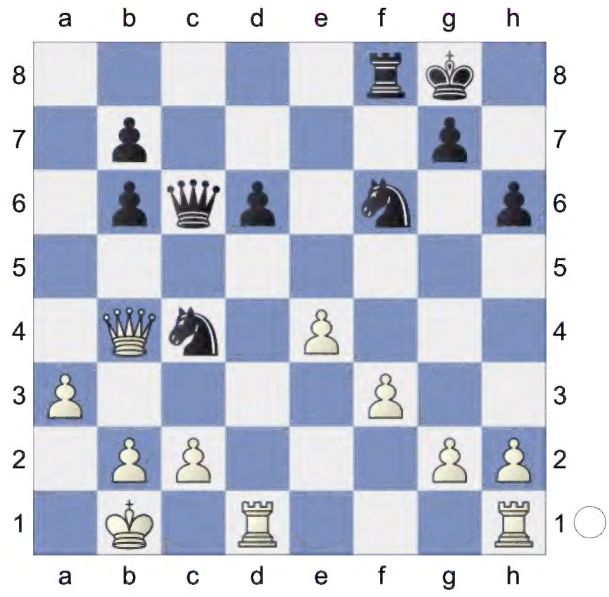


18.Qb4!+- 2:43 **Qxc7** 13 **19.Nxe6** 6 **Qc6** 5 **20.Nxf8** 1:10 **Rxf8** 28



21.b3 1:54 **Ne3** 36 **22.Rd2** 15 **Rc8** 9:46 **23.Rc1** 15:11
[23.Rxd6? loses. Qxc2+ 24.Ka1 Qxg2-+]

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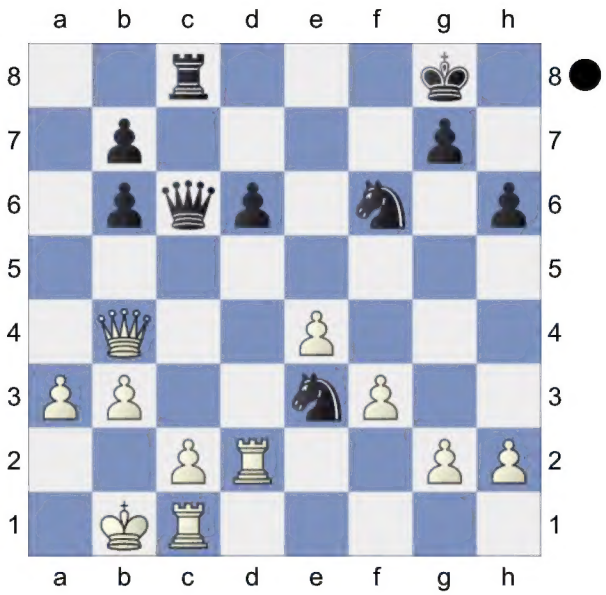

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